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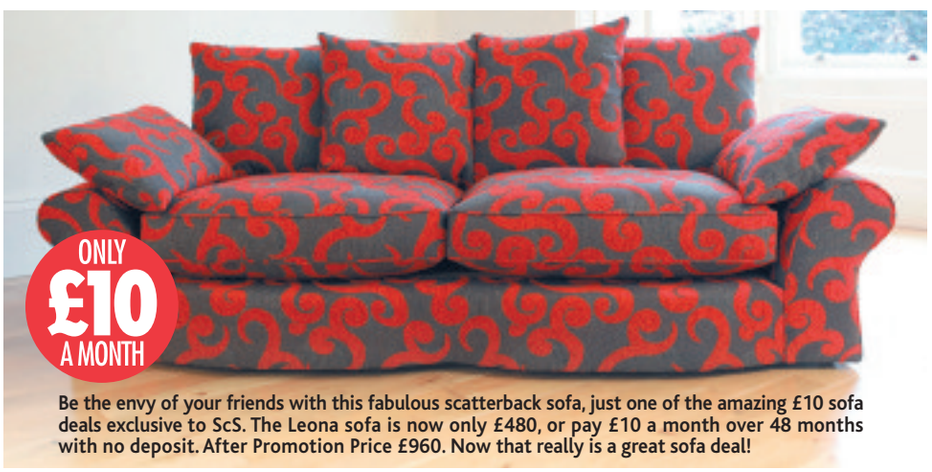

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Cruisers mourn legend

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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HUNDREDS of people turned out in their cars to pay to tribute to a 'legendary' MK Cruise regular.

Mourners beeped their car horns in a 'two minute toot' for car-mad Paul Dixon, 28, from New Bradwell, who died last Monday.

The delivery driver, who was obsessed with Arsenal Football Club, was instrumental in the 'cruise' community, in which people meet to show off their modified cars.

On Sunday evening, an estimated 500 people went to their meeting place, the Hockey Stadium car park, adorning their cars with tributes to the man they called 'Pablo'. As well as the horn tooting, picture slideshows and videos were projected onto the stadium wall.

MK Cruise meets every Sunday night at the hockey stadium, but Paul, who drove a Seat Leon and red VW Beetle, would often go there five times a week.

Now the area has been transformed into a shrine for the former Denbigh student, with photos, flowers and model cars.

His Beetle is being renovated by friends and will be kept in storage until his three-year-old daughter, Thierry-Leigh, is old enough to drive.

His girlfriend, Jade Collier, 21, is expecting Paul's second child.

She said: "It was really nice to see that amount of people on Sunday. It was very emotional. A lot of his friends had put together photo slideshows.

"People put pictures and stickers in their cars. We had a sticker that said RIP Dixon."

The couple had put down a deposit on a house and were due to move in next weekend.

Jade went for her first baby scan on Monday. The baby is due in April.

Friend Shane Campbell said: "It was one hell of a send-off. People had come from all over the place. The two minutes of beeping the horns went off really well. It was amazing."

Another friend, Jay Saunders, said: "He was the best mate you could ever have and the send-off was amazing. Paul would have loved the attention."

Brother Kevin Hawes said: "If Sunday night was anything to go by, it proves that he touched so many lives in such a small space of time and that he was loved by so many."

Paul had an accident last week on the M4 after feeling ill while driving his van. It is thought he collapsed. Further tests are being carried out, following a post mortem.

His friends are trying to install a memorial garden and maintain the wall at the hockey stadium, though the building is due to be demolished.

Friend Mark Amphlett set up a Facebook group in his honour, which now has 535 members.

A funeral will take place on October 9 at Crownhill Crematorium at 3.30pm.

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SPOTLIGHT ON HOUSING IN MILTON KEYNES

The new-builds destined to become council houses

BY LAURA HANNAM
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NEW-BUILD homes across the city are being rented out to council tenants due to the slump in the housing market.

To prevent new affordable properties standing empty during the recession housing associations have applied for hundreds to be used for 'social rent'.

According to figures released to MK NEWS by Milton Keynes Council 261 properties formerly designated as 'shared ownership' have been granted permission to house council tenants on sites throughout Milton Keynes, including Broughton Gate, Broughton, Oxley Park, Fenny Stratford, Walton Park and West Bletchley.

Around 135 are already occupied, while some have not yet been built.

There are also a further 107 applications in the pipeline in Ashland, Newton Leys, Oxley Woods, Wolverton and Hanslope

All are owned by housing associations, who must seek support from Milton Keynes Council to change the tenancy and then seek funding from the Homes and Communities Agency.

Council policy demands that all new developments include 30 per cent affordable housing but housing associations say these are not selling during the financial crisis.

Between January and March this year Guiness Midsummer was given approval for the conversion of 96 shared ownership properties, 87 to social rent and nine to Rent to Homebuy, a Government scheme that allows eligible people to rent a new build home then later buy a share in it.

These properties are at sites in Ashland, Broughton, Fenny Stratford and Hanslope.

A spokesman for Guiness Midsummer said: "With the downturn in the economy and the restrictions on mortgage availability – especially for shared ownership properties – people's ability to purchase shared ownership properties was limited, which left Guinness Midsummer in a vulnerable position as the reduction in house prices created a financial risk.

"With a growing housing need in Milton Keynes we were left with a number of stock units that could be utilised to meet the housing needs of Milton Keynes instead of standing empty.

"Although consultation was not required on these sites, Guinness Midsummer opted to write to each of its residents on the affected schemes to inform people of these changes and no objections were received."

Jephson said it has secured permission to transfer 150 properties from shared ownership to rent in Broughton Gate, Walton, Bletchley Park and Bletchley.

Of these 127 are to be used for social rent and the remainder are intermediate rent, a new scheme that offers properties at 75 per cent of the rental value to applicants who are unable to afford to rent privately and don't qualify for a council property.

Sixty-nine of these properties already have tenants.

A spokesman for Jephson said: "The recession and the drop in sale prices gave us a financial benefit to the transfer.

"We had several sites in the area where sales had slowed as a consequence of purchasers inability to raise mortgages, despite perceived interest in the properties."

Cllr Chris Williams, cabinet member for housing said: "I would much rather these properties were rented and people moved in than they stand empty.

"There are plenty of people in Milton Keynes who are in need of housing.

"The housing association can apply again to change the tenure back at any time."

Catriona Morris, Conservative spokesman for housing, said: "It seems logical at the moment because no-one is buying these affordable homes and we need properties to rent but we need to be clear that these properties will come back to sell when the market picks up again."

Empty homes may have to be taken over to ease the housing shortage

THE council is considering using powers to take over the management of private empty homes and rent them out.

Milton Keynes Council's cabinet committee has decided to launch a review of council policy to allow the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs).

These orders, introduced in 2004, give the council the ability to apply to a tribunal to take over the management of private properties that have been empty for more than six months, refurbish and repair them and find tenants to occupy them.

They were introduced by the Government as part of measures to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour centering around empty properties and to relieve pressure on housing stock.

A report by council officers presented to cabinet last week states that at April 2009, council tax records showed that there were 1,418 private properties empty for longer than six months, or about 1.5 per cent of the total stock in Milton Keynes.

Most of these remain empty due to the owner's lack of finances and time to deal with the problem but the majority need minimal repairs.

Only five properties were brought back into use in the year to April 2009.

The council is focusing on around 200 'problematic properties', empty for a longer period.

Cllr Chris Williams, cabinet member for housing said: "At the moment with the credit crunch and unemployment rising there are more people then normal who need housing.

"Milton Keynes Council is looking at ways it can bring unused properties back onto the market."

The cabinet is also extending its Flexible Home Improvement Loan Scheme to include empty homes, which means loans will be available to owners to help them repair their properties.

Acting As You Like It

ALL the world's a stage, and yesterday was no exception for those acting in a national Shakespeare marathon.

Students from Walton High met with those from Stantonbury Campus for a workshop at their theatre.

They are perfecting their back-to-back performances of Othello and A Midsummer Night's Dream for the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

Across the country, 10,000 pupils are performing adapted versions of the Bard's works.

The two Milton Keynes schools will join another two from Leighton Buzzard on October 13 to perform four successive plays at Stantonbury Theatre.

Working mums are punished for childcare 'reward'

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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MORE than 13,000 people have signed a petition supporting a policewoman's right to share childcare with a colleague.

Detective Constable Leanne Shepherd, 32, from Milton Keynes, was told she was acting illegally by sharing arrangements with DC Lucy Jarrett, also 32, from Buckingham.

The job-sharing pair, who work for Thames Valley Police and are based in Aylesbury, were alternating between looking after two-year-old Edie and Amy, 3.

The arrangement 'worked brilliantly' until DC Shepherd got a visit from Ofsted.

Now the pair, who are being backed by Thames Valley Police Federation, have made a stand.

DC Shepherd told MK NEWS: "I hope that the law that's done this to us will be different for other people. We've done our bit now, we've made the issue public.

MUM ON A MISSION: Leanee Shepherd with her daughter

"I'm hurt and I'm angry that I'm trying to be a working mum but it's brought so much hassle.

"We did it because nursery hours are not compatible with police hours. I'm really pleased with the petition. I want to get it changed for other people."

The law says that if someone gets a reward for childcare – even if that 'reward' is having their child looked after for free – then they must be registered.

However, Ofsted says it is reviewing this rule with the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF).

Avril Francome, head of Milton Keynes group Women and Work, said: "It's bureaucracy gone mad. Since the beginning of time, woman have shared childcare responsibilities. Women don't work in isolation. If you can't make arrangements for your child to be cared for by a friend you can trust then this has far reaching implications for all working women."

An Ofsted spokesman said: "We are currently discussing with the Department for Children Schools and Families the interpretation of the word 'reward' in the legislation to establish if we might be able to make a change."

To access the petition go to: http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/reciprocalcc

Medieval attack on peacock puzzles RSPCA

A PEACOCK was nearly killed when it was shot with a cross bow.

The young bird was rushed to a vet by an RSPCA inspector after its owners discovered it punctured with a 12 inch bolt.

The male peacock was shot while roaming in the grounds of a property in Astwood Road, Cranfield, where it has been kept with another bird for four months.

RSPCA inspector Dave Braybrooke was called at around 1pm on Monday and took it to Walnut Tree Veterinary Hospital for emergency treatment.

The bolt had pierced six inches into the peacock's hind quarters.

Mr Braybrooke said: "It would have caused the bird an immense amount of pain.

"It could quite easily have killed it if it had been hit properly.

"Its outrageous, why somebody would want to shoot a peacock with a cross bow bolt is completely beyond me, much the same as shooting cats with air rifles.

"It may have been because they are noisy – the males tend to crow and make a bit of a row at an early hour. Or somebody may have just decided, there's a peacock I'm going to have a crack at is because I can't hit a sparrow."

RSPCA officer Dave Braybrook looks on as vet Steve Bonthorne removes the crossbow bolt from the peacock

He added that this incident is the first of its kind he has dealt with in the Milton Keynes area.

He said: "If anyone saw someone shoot it let us know as it is an offence and the RSPCA will prosecute."

The peacock's wound was stitched up and it is expected to recover.

If you have any information about the incident call 0300 1234 999. To see a video log on to www.mk-news.co.uk

Man's death blamed on health and safety breach

A CLADDING firm has pleaded guilty to health and safety breaches after one of its workers died in a scaffolding collapse at the Jurys Inn.

Lee Smith Carpentry (LSC) Limited, of Abby Park Industrial Estate, Romsey, Hampshire pleaded guilty to four charges of breaching Health and Safety Regulations at Huntingdon Crown Court yesterday.

Three related charges are to lie on file.

LSC's employee John Robinson, 49, was working as a cladder on the scaffolding on Witan Gate and suffered fatal injuries when it collapsed on April 11, 2006. Two other workers, Mark Robinson and Ivan Peukov, suffered multiple injuries.

The firm will be sentenced on November 23 alongside McAleer & Rushe Limited, of Cookstown, Northern Ireland.

McAleer & Rushe, the principal contractor for the construction project at the site, pleaded guilty to two charges of breaches of Health and Safety Regulations at an earlier hearing. The case against NNM Scaffolding Limited, of Castle Street, Leicester, is unable to proceed as the company has gone into administration.

A warrant is still out for the arrest of the firm's director, John David King, of Alicante, Spain, who faces four charges.

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Prose of oak trees

The death of a tree
Is a grieving to see?
A dying oak
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A symbol to view
If its nature is true,
Leave it to be
In its own misery

Where under its boughs
Graze the concrete cows,
Out of its place
Like a planner's grimace;

To such urban cost
It reminds us what's lost,
Left bearing down
Rues the centre of town,

Yet still we can hope
There is life in this oak
That good may spring,
Raise the Midsummer ring.

Geoffrey Allan Taylor
Sent by email

Concrete evidence

SIR – It was no surprise to me to hear the the oak tree in Midsummer Place had died.

Surely somebody should have recognised something was up when all the cows around it turned to stone too!

Name and address supplied

Warden warning

SIR – MK NEWS helped us several weeks ago when it ran a story about Milton Keynes Council stopping our wardens coming to see us, and replacing their visits with a phone call.

After you ran the story, we got our wardens back. We want to thank the council for this.

But it simply isn't good enough that they are changing our wardens over all the time. There are so many vulnerable people that get used to one person. It's not good when they keep chopping and changing the wardens, I want them to make sure that they're permanent. People get used to the warden and then they change them.

The warden I had recently I got used to, and I had confidence in her. Now they've taken her away from me.

I'm just not happy about that.

Anita Rose
Great Linford

Pond life in park

SIR – We would like to raise the issue of anti-social behaviour in Rickley Park, Bletchley.

On numerous occasions we have encountered people who wish to use the car-park (is it an old tennis court?) as a place in which to play music extremely loudly blasting from car stereos, to play with remote control cars, or to ride scooters for example.

On these occasions the noise has been so loud, it has drowned out the sound on our television. It's quite shocking the loudness of the noise we can still hear even while inside with the windows closed.

If only users of the park could be more considerate to the houses in the surrounding area – especially late at night? If people want to play music loudly/play with remote control cars/ride scooters, they should do so on their own properties and not disturb others.

In addition, the amount of litter just left on the green is a disgrace. There are several bins surrounding the park – why don't people use them? There is no excuse when bins are available.

We have noticed in recent times that the green is being used by youths frequently and the litter just left there is terrible. For instance this morning we found numerous beer cans, empty takeaway boxes and plastic bags just strewn all over the place.

Name and address supplied

Oak's maintenence is Midsummer madness

SIR – I read your article on the Oak Tree and just had to make the following comments to your requested response.

Hey, I know it's only a tree and there's more important things in the world to worry about, but this subject bugs me.

I can remember when this tree stood there quite happily before they built around it and, to be quite frank, when they did plan to build around it they REALLY didn't think about how a tree can grow there, especially an Oak Tree.

First thing, and you don't need to be one of their experts they keep paying, those stupid cows weigh the soil around its base encouraging over wet water pockets. It's rotting the root system near the surface.

Second, the air and light circulating within that area doesn't allow the tree sufficient natural light fall or allow the tree to dry thoroughly between very wet weather.

Thirdly, when they last pruned it quite simply those 'professionals' just cut too far.

If they prune again as your article suggests, it will definately die. It's rotting now because of my points listed above and it just cannot dry out.

There are different types of Oak used for various tasks and

furniture etc. When seasoned, workable Oaks are very resiliant and remain strong. However, when an Oak is actually growing, it is very vunerable to rot and desease.

Please tell these plonkers to move the stupid cows, DO NOT reduce the canopy any more and come up with a system to help dry the tree before it's too late.

David Clowsley
Sent by email

Buyer beware!

SIR – I refer to the article on page 5 of your September 23 edition about work to upgrade the rail network and planning consultation.

This is a classic example of Nimbyism and the other planning acronym that afflicts this country, 'banana' (build absolutely nothing anywhere near anyone).

On the one hand we have one group of people in MK (including talking head Phyllis Starkey MP) whingeing endlessly about the need to improve rail services to the area and when the Government spends £9bn to upgrade the West Coast Main Line another lot (or possibly the same people?) start whingeing about signal gantries, etc.

You cannot have it both ways.

It is typical of the attitude of many people in Britain that they expect all the benefits of modern life (water and electricity always on tap, congestion-free roads, reliable train services, refuse promptly cleared from their properties, etc) but as soon as a new power station, wind farm, refuse incinerator or road/rail upgrade is proposed out come the Nimbys. As an old friend used to tell me: 'you can't have the penny and the bun'.

Given that the railway was built around 1840, about a century before Archers Wells and Bletchley was even thought of, you might think that residents moving there would consider the question of noise and visual intrusion from Britain's busiest railway line at the end of their back garden before purchasing. There are plenty of properties in Milton Keynes well away from the railway that they could have purchased.

MK NEWS correctly reported that most work on the railway network is exempt from planning laws because of the 'permitted development rights' granted by the original Railway Acts passed to allow construction and subsequent maintenance of the railway network.

So when work eventually starts on the East West Rail Link (Bletchley, Winslow, Bicester), a positive development for the vast majority of MK citizens, I imagine the normal Nimby response from anyone living near the line will be voiced.

Beware though, as this line has never been closed, Network Rail have 'permitted development rights' to re-open it and start running trains again. *Caveat emptor*!

Brian Ringer,
Sedgemere, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes

Moo-vellous achievement

SIR – I am thrilled to share with your readers that Willen Hospice held its first ever MK Midnight Moo in July this year.

One thousand ladies walked ten miles at night around Milton Keynes to raise much-needed funds for the Hospice.

The event was a huge success and we were overwhelmed by the response from those who took part and by the general support of the local communities. I would like, through your newspaper, to thank all those who took part in the walk, those who sponsored participants and those who volunteered on the night to make the event happen.

I am delighted to say that so far we have raised £100,000, with more sponsor money still to come, and I would urge anyone who hasn't yet sent theirs in to please do so as soon as possible.

Our event team, with the help of Florence the Cow – our mascot – is already starting preparations for next year's event which will take place on Saturday July 17. Registrations are now being taken at www.mkmidnightmoo.com

Once again a big thank you to everyone involved on the night for making it such a memorable and special fundraising event for the Hospice.

Paul J Hinson
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Wife appeals for information about husband's killing

THE widow of a man who died after being hit by a reversing car has made an emotional appeal for witnesses to come forward.

Monica Burt, 85, the wife of Redvers Burt who was hit by a blue Volvo V40 as it backed out of a driveway neighbouring their house in Vicarage Road, Fenny Stratford, said she 'desperately' wants to know how this happened and why.

Mr Burt, 87, had stepped out of his front door to walk his dog Charlie at around 9.25am on Saturday, July 18 when he was knocked to the ground by the car and suffered head injuries.

Neighbours came to his aid and called an ambulance.

Mrs Burt told a press conference yesterday: "I found Redvers in the road and knew straight away that he had been seriously hurt.

"For the next nine days my two daughters and I maintained a 24 hour vigil at his bedside, but on Wednesday, July 29 Redvers passed away with my youngest daughter holding his hand and me by his side."

Mr Burt was born in Long Sutton in Somerset and lived in the village all his life before moving to Milton Keynes in 2005 to join his second wife Monica, who he married in 1993.

He had retired in 1987 having spent 26 years working for South West Electricity Board as a linesman and was a regular volunteer at the Rural Life Museum in Wolverton.

Mrs Burt added: "Redvers suffered from Bipolar disorder and as a result, when he was well, he had a boundless energy.

"If you gave him a challenge, he would set his mind to it.

"Redvers had a Somerset sense of humour. He gave a lot to other people and worked hard.

"Redvers was my challenge and I miss him terribly. He wouldn't have hurt a soul.

"I know he was getting old but no one who knew him thought he was as old as he was.

"He was an incredible man and if I could bring him back I would.

"Redvers played such a major role in the community and has left behind so many people who loved and respected him.

"The fact there was standing room only at the crematorium is a testament to how well loved he was.

"It's very very sad and I would hate to see anyone else in the position I am now."

She appealed for anyone who may have seen what happened to contact the police.

Call 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

DeliCo fined after death of cleaner

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SCENE: DeliCo factory

A MEAT processing company has been fined £160,000 for breaching health and safety law after a cleaner died of horrific head injuries at its factory.

DeliCo Ltd appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday in relation to the death of Lynda Trebilcock at its plant in Tattenhoe on Saturday, May 19, 2007.

The company, which pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to breaching its duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare at work of its employees between January 1, 2002 and May 20, 2007, has also been ordered to pay costs of £40,452.

The court heard that Mrs Trebilcock, 53, from Arncliffe Drive, Heelands, was employed as a cleaning team leader and had been inspecting a blender in the fresh meat processing department in the early hours of the morning.

It is believed Mrs Trebilcock had crouched beneath the machine, which is used to shred meat, to inspect the seal around a flap.

The machine had a proximity switch to check there was a metal container to receive the meat when it came out of the flap.

The company was using plastic containers so to bypass the sensor and keep the flap open a metal clip board was used.

Rhona Campbell, prosecuting, said: "The most likely scenario is that Mrs Trebilcock was ducking down under the blender to examine the inside when she nudged the clip board and the flap closed.

"This system with the clip boards was in use on all four of the meat blenders in the factory at the time."

DeliCo Ltd is owned by Cranswick Convenience Foods Plc, which acquired the company in November 2006.

Ms Campbell claimed that the new operator was expanding the factory from producing 100 tonnes of meat a week to 300 tonnes, upping the workforce from 110 to around 400, without giving sufficient priority to health and safety.

She added that Mrs Trebilcock, who worked at the factory for three months before she died, had 'extremely little training' in how to clean the blender machine.

Mark Turner QC, defending, said following the take-over Cranswick had begun reviewing all health and safety practices including a safety audit in March, 2007.

Mr Turner added that Cranswick has a good safety record and has since brought in measures to prevent a similar incident happening again.

Sentencing, Judge The Lord Parmoor said the use of the clip board made an accident 'almost inevitable'

He added that the failure was 'longstanding and serious' and that the new management had 'ample time to discover the danger and take steps to remove it'.

A statement from Mrs Trebilcock's family said they were devastated by the untimely death of a beloved wife and mother and are currently pursuing a civil action against DeliCo.

Body found in bushes

POLICE are investigating the discovery of a woman's body in bushes in Pennyland.

The body was found at 3.42pm on Thursday in Bodle Close by two officers from Milton Keynes Council.

A post-mortem has reported the cause of death as unascertainable.

Police are not treating the death as suspicious. A formal identification was expected to take place as MK NEWS went to press last night.

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DRUM roll, please. A supermarket worker from Bletchley has become the latest on-stage, online sensation in the field of beatboxing. Reporter **JESSICA CUNNIFFE** met up with the man of a thousand sounds to find out more.

Beat box artist Tony Ashfield, aka Fat Tony

The beat goes on for drummer boy

AS a one-man band reduces the personnel of an ensemble to a single musician, Anthony Ashfield can compress the sounds of a drum kit to his mouth.

From an arm chair in his living room, flanked by shelves containing Disney videos and Harry Potter books, the 21-year-old broadcasts tutorials on the coolest skill of the moment: beatboxing.

Part party trick, part musical genre, beatboxing is like a percussive form of scatting - where 'do-re-mi-fa' is more like 'um-cha-tsk-cha'.

"I got into beatboxing by saying peek-a-boo to a baby," said Anthony, also known as Fat Tony.

"Peek-a-boo became 'pkab' and made a beat. Now I beatbox all day, every day. I annoy everyone. I'm not very popular on public transport.

"I beatbox walking down the street or on my bike on the way to work."

Work for Anthony is on the Tesco checkout in Oxley Park.

But with tutorials, gigs and worldwide acclaim, the former Royal Latin School pupil is on his way from the supermarket to superstardom.

He has been making all the right noises for such an ascent.

Over the past three years he has perfected a repertoire of several hundred tones.

For example, he effortlessly reels off a ripple of sounds, near-perfectly replicating the rumble of a double peddle on a bass drum – difficult enough to do with a drum and two feet, let alone your tongue and lips.

"The first sounds I learnt were kick drum and rim shot.

"From there I learnt hi-hat and that was really the starting point. After that I started trying to learn on my own, listening to different sounds and trying to mimic them."

> Beatboxing has become a way of life for me. The amount it has changed me is unbelieveable

The craze-turned-discipline – you can even beatbox in your music GCSE performance exams now – has seen a revival since its inception in the early 1980s, before Anthony was born. He feels he is carving a niche by pushing the sound boundaries.

"I like doing sounds no-one does, like the whistle snare and water drop. It makes me feel original."

In fact, with his girlfriend, Florida-based Luckey Monkey, they have pioneered the 'human pan pipes' act, beatboxing into each other's mouths (which has to be YouTubed to be believed).

It is Anthony's YouTube tutorials which have secured him international recognition.

More than 300,000 hits on his website attest to the success of the 'Beatbox With Me' series, made on a small video camera and laptop.

For him, beatboxing is less about showing off and more about sharing. If you can say the word biscuit – bsss-kt – then you can beatbox. Anyone can do it, and I love teaching them."

So why, when he is intent on uniqueness, does Anthony want to reveal his secrets?

"I was against teaching beatboxing at first. I thought, if you can do it, you should keep it yourself. But I just like spreading the love, teaching people and seeing them smile."

Beatboxing can be both serious and silly. Anthony explains the intricacies of the sheet music system, Standard Beatbox Notation - before bursting into a hip-hop rendition of the Thomas the Tank Engine theme.

After being dubbed 'Fat Tony' at school for his slender physique, he has turned the insult into a cool pseudonym.

Now he wants beatboxing to change other people's lives, the way it has his.

"I saw one guy doing workshops with kids, people who got picked on a lot. It really hit home because I got picked on.

"So doing tutorials felt right. I thought, I can really make a difference to people. I used to be shy and embarrassed. But beatboxing has become a way of life for me. The amount it has changed me is unbelievable."

Now he has hit the big time, appearing alongside heroes such as Beardy Man, Faith SFX and Killer Kela on YouTube's 'Featured Music' front page.

But he remains flattered by his Milton Keynes groupies, who go to check out the checkout boy with the extraordinary talent.

The hip-hop master reveals his favourite artist is, strangely, the softly-sung woman behind the Juno soundtrack, Kimya Dawson.

So, does this mean that the man of a thousand sounds give us a tune as well?

"I have to admit, I can't sing," he added. "My singing voice is awful."

VIDEO ■ To see a video of Anthony in action and a link to his website, go to www.mk-news.co.uk.

‘We don’t need a gold-plated crematorium’

Tough decisions have to be made as 2010/11 project funding slashed

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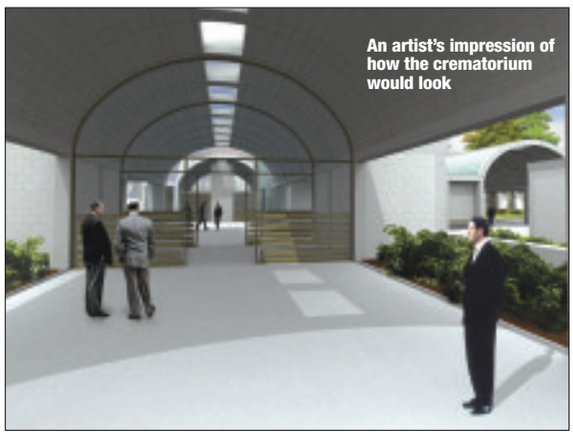
An artist’s impression of how the crematorium would look

THE council is reviewing how much it should spend on a new crematorium in the face of a £3.8million funding cut.

Milton Keynes Council’s cabinet responded to calls to consider making savings on crematorium plans before chopping money from a new swimming pool and improvements to the central railway station.

In a meeting on September 23 the Liberal Democrat cabinet discussed where to make cuts after the Government announced a proposed 40 per cent reduction in the city’s growth funding next year as part of measures to divert money to building more affordable homes across the country.

The city’s allocation, which is granted to help provide infrastructure when new housing is built, is proposed to drop from £8.8m to around £5m for 2010/11.

An officers’ report, presented to cabinet, recommended knocking £2million off a new swimming pool in Wolverton and £1.1million off the Station Square regeneration scheme.

Councillors rejected this for now and decided to petition the Government to keep the full funding.

The cabinet launched a review into how much needs to be spent on the new crematorium to be built alongside the current facility in Crownhill and on Green Space projects to provide parks, allotments and play areas in new estates.

It also decided to push ahead with plans to build a new ticket office at Wolverton Station, despite an officers’ recommendation that it be delayed as a precaution in case of further funding cuts.

The cabinet heard from several residents and councillors in Wolverton who are tired of ‘years of delays’ on the pool and station projects.

Labour Cllr Janet Irons said: “Milton Keynes needs to show the Government that it is ready to deliver on the projects that have been allocated growth funding, but there has been so much faffing around for so long that these things are not on their way.”

The Conservative party called for the council to go back to the drawing board on the crematorium plans, which include a large chapel, a canopied meeting area, wildlife garden, water features, a high tech sound system and equipment to allow people to web cast funerals and use LCD screens to show photographs in the chapel.

Cllr Andrew Dransfield said: “We don’t need a gold plated crematorium… we have got to stop squandering money.”

Cllr Mike Galloway, cabinet member for growth, said: “We are being expected to cope with the delivery of growth without the funds we expected.

“This has got to come from somewhere.”

The cabinet called for the support of the city’s local MPs to pressurise the Government to return the funding.

Dr Phyllis Starkey, Labour MP for Milton Keynes South West told MK NEWS: “I will always fight for funding for Milton Keynes but my arguments are under-cut by the council’s inability to spend what it has already been given on time and their mismanagement of their own resources.”

Mark Lancaster, Conservative MP for North East Milton Keynes said: “I will do all I can to try to resist this cut.

“What we really need though is a new funding system for development… under Conservative proposals money raised locally through development would stay in the city and we wouldn’t have to put out the begging bowl to central Government as we do today.”

Policeman cops a fine for shooting colleague

A POLICE firearms officer who accidentally shot a colleague has been fined £8,000 and ordered to pay £5,300 in costs.

Thames Valley Police has been told to pay £40,000 plus £25,000 in prosecution costs after PC David Micklethwaite, from Wavendon Gate, shot a control room officer in the stomach in 2007.

Southwark Crown Court handed out the fines this morning after Micklethwaite pleaded guilty to breaching health and safety laws.

Police say they are deciding whether he will face internal disciplinary proceedings into his conduct on the day of the shooting.

Keith Tilbury, 51, was blasted at close range with a .44 Magnum revolver as Micklethwaite demonstrated the difference between a revolver and a pistol during a firearms awareness session.

He spent 22 days in hospital after wounds to his bowel, kidney, lungs and liver became infected.

Deputy Chief Constable for Thames Valley Police, Francis Habgood, deemed the incident ‘an embarrassing episode’.

He said: “After a lengthy investigation I am pleased that the judicial process has concluded today. Thames Valley Police pleaded guilty at the first hearing and have always accepted that the shooting of Keith Tilbury should never have happened.

“This case has personally affected several people, none more so than Keith Tilbury and his family. The Chief Constable offered her apology to Keith and his family as soon as this happened and PC Micklethwaite apologised at court last week. I want to reiterate the apology from Thames Valley Police to Keith.

“I agree with His Honourable Judge Loraine-Smith, who said that this has been an embarrassing episode for Thames Valley Police, but can reassure everybody that we have changed our procedures and were recently described as a model force on firearms training issues by an independent review. This point was made by the prosecution at the court hearing.”

They have since changed their training procedures and access to ammunition.

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Just consider the Maria problem solved once again

How do you solve a problem like Maria?
If you are Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber you do it by coming up with the idea for a television talent show that will attract huge audiences and then leave it to the public to choose the actress who will be the star of your next West End show. **JUDY RILEY** talks to Connie Fisher about her favourite - and not so favourite things...

CONNIE FISHER was just 23 years old when, as Andrew Lloyd Webber's high-profile guinea pig, she landed the plum role of Maria in the most well-known musical of all time, The Sound of Music.

Her story is fairy-tale, to say the least. But as with all good fairy tales, there have been hard knocks along the way.

The only surviving child (her twin brother died shortly after birth) of a British army soldier and a Welsh mother, Connie was born in Northern Ireland and moved to Pembrokeshire in Wales when she was six.

Surrounded by Welsh-speaking schoolmates she learned the language and, having been taught to sing by her grandmother, by the time she was eight she was competing in eisteddfods.

Then when she was 17 her father walked out. Connie ***(right)***, her mother and her nan became an extraordinarily tight-knit family unit that worked together to enable the stage-struck teenager to follow her dream of becoming an actor.

Fisher won a scholarship to Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts but had to supplement her grant by taking on several jobs at a time to pay the rent.

Waiting on tables, trying to drum up telesales – these are the stock-in-trade pursuits of out-of-work performers and when Connie graduated from Mountview she joined a long and noble tradition of actors struggling to make ends meet.

So when the opportunity to audition for the part of Maria came along she jumped at it and hung on in there – like a terrier with a bone – until she swept aside the competition to become the first leading lady cast by telephone vote!

Not that it was all a walk in the park from then on.

The media bandwagon didn't stop rolling along when the results were announced. Connie's private life became no such thing and her well-publicised illness due to self-imposed overwork was pounced upon by the red top papers as an example of self-importance having gone to her head.

But nobody could fault her performance in the show and the reviews were, without exception, glowing in their admiration.

After 18 months of sell-out shows, a well-received appearance in Caught In A Trap, a drama aired on television last Christmas, a part in a Neil Simon two-hander at the tiny Meunier Chocolate Factory venue in South London and some much-needed time off Connie is back.

Not only that but she has found love. She has recently become engaged to the Welsh banker, Jeremy Reed, who she met on a platform at Cardiff railway station. He got down on one knee and proposed to her after the curtain came down on the opening night of The Sound of Music on tour. Now how fairy-tale is that?

So it comes as no surprise that Connie is on top of the world at present. Though I suspect that, being an optimist, she could never be too gloomy for long.

How does it feel being back on stage in the wimple?

"It's great" she says.

"I know the part like the back of my hand – but having said that, I didn't remember any of the lines before rehearsals began. I felt like I was starting afresh.

"Having been away from it I feel that I've learnt a lot.

"'m a better performer for it. Maria is Maria but I'm a different person now and I feel like a I've got a greater understanding of the part.

"And of course the new cast around me take a different approach to their thoughts and actions as the characters but Michael Praed (Captain Von Trapp) is just wonderful and we have a lot of fun."

I wonder which song Connie enjoys performing most in the show?

"That's a tricky one. I love The Lonely Goatherd but I think it's the reprise of Sixteen Going On Seventeen – and of course in the stage production My Favourite Things is sung in the convent with the Mother Abbess before Maria even goes off to be a nanny to the Von Trapp children so that's different."

So what would you say is your happiest memory?

"Probably everything that has happened in the last three years."

And what is your greatest worry about your life now?

"Losing my voice. I dealt with that and I climbed the mountain but the danger is to think that I can do anything now.

"Oh, and I am afraid of spiders."

And is there life after the Sound of Music, Connie?

"Oh, yes, there is! I'm not sure what it is at the moment but there certainly is!"

■ The Sound of Music is at Milton Keynes Theatre from October 27-November 14. Call the box office on 0870 060 6652 or visit: www.ambassadortickets.com/miltonkeynes for ticket and performance details.

Churchillian effort to save codebreakers' home gets cash boost

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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WINSTON Churchill would have said it 'puts the Great back into Great Britain'.

A £460,500 grant to help transform decaying Bletchley Park into a heritage site would have been celebrated by the wartime Prime Minister, according to his great-grandson, Randolph Churchill.

"In recent years we have thought of ourselves more as 'Britain', but I think Sir Winston would say that this is the start of putting the 'Great' back in Great Britain," Mr Churchill told MK NEWS.

"He would have said 'keep up the battle' if he were here today," he added, in the light of the Park's financial problems.

And so it has, successfully securing a development grant which gives the trust two years to submit plans for a £10 million overhaul.

English Heritage and Milton Keynes Council stepped in with £930,000 after MK NEWS revealed in May 2008 that the site faced dereliction.

> Without Bletchley Park's decoding, we would've lost many, many more of our ships. What was done there was so, so important
>
> **– Randolph Churchill**

Carole Souter, chief executive of Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "Our initial support for the Trust's restoration plans demonstrates our belief that Bletchley's story should be much more widely known and appreciated."

Welcoming the award, Simon Greenish, director of the Bletchley Park Trust, said: "The support is a landmark event for the trust in our quest to provide a permanent solution for Bletchley Park."

British actor and author, Stephen Fry, called it 'simply wonderful'.

The announcement coincides with the unveiling of a Winston Churchill bust by Stephen Kettle, made of slate reclaimed from the Mansion roof.

A special Churchill weekend begins on Saturday, marking the 70th anniversary of his appointment as First Lord of the Admiralty.

The former Prime Minister, who led the country to victory in the Second World War, called the codebreakers his 'geese that laid the golden egg – but never cackled'.

His descendant, who will give a special talk at the event, added: "Without Bletchley Park's decoding, we would've lost many, many more of our ships. What was done there was so, so important."

BUST IN THE BUSINESS: The sculpture of Sir Winston Churchill

A unique tribute

PIECES of Bletchley Park have been transformed into a sculpture of one of the country's greatest ever leaders.

A bust of Winston Churchill was unveiled at the Park on Sunday.

But what makes the artwork so amazing is the fact that its made entirely out of slate reclaimed from the Parks Mansion roof which underwent repair work earlier this year.

Sculptor Stephen Kettle took three months to create his latest masterpiece using 20,000 pieces of the slate.

The bust will be on display in the Darrah Harwood Churchill Memorabilia Collection, Jack Darrah's private collection of rare and interesting Churchill memorabilia currently on show at the Park.

Mr Darrah said: "This is an extremely significant addition to the Churchill Collection, having been born out of Bletchley Park itself, with slate reclaimed from the Mansion roof making it totally unique."

In 2007, a one and a half ton, life-size statue of Alan Turing was created by Mr Kettle from approximately half a million individual pieces of five hundred million year old Welsh slate. It is on display as part of the Bletchley Park story in the museum in B Block.

Mr Kettle said: "I am extremely pleased the Churchill piece has come to the Darrah Harwood collection where it belongs."

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THE world-wide recession hasn't hit Lapland this year and Santa and his elves have been beavering away preparing for Christmas.

In fact plans are so far advanced that Santa is in the process of packing his sleigh for his annual visit to the Big Top Christmas Circus show in Middleton Hall.

The show is once again being supported by MK NEWS.

The ever popular Santa's Grotto will open on November 16 and you can book your tickets online from tomorrow.

Santa will be in residence until December 24, just before he begins his mammoth round-the-world journey.

On November 16 you can join the fun of Santa's Procession through the malls and down to Middleton Hall to open his magnificent Grotto.

However, there's now no need to wait to book your ticket to see Santa in the run up to Christmas, if you visit www.thecentremk.com you can now book online to avoid any disappointment. The Grotto Opening times are 9am-6pm Mon-Sat in November, 9am-7pm Mon-Sat in December, 10am-6pm Sundays throughout November and December, Christmas Eve: Santa's Grotto closes completely at 1pm but the train remains open until 6pm whilst everything is closed on Christmas Day. The Christmas display and train ride open on November 6.

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Heats are hotting up

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Months of auditions have led us to this point. By Saturday night one act will be celebrating the fact they have won a part in the theatre's production of Cinderella.

The heats leading towards Saturday's final started last night as 40 acts battle it out to win a coveted role and star alongside Bobby Davro, Anthea Turner and Louise Dearman this Christmas.

Each heat features ten acts with the shows being compered by Heart Breakfast show pair Ros and Wes.

They will be joined each night by pantomime producer Kevin Wood, Lucy Ellis from Heart Drive-time and David Gale, editor of MK NEWS along with a celebrity guest to judge the acts.

Two finalists from each heat will be selected to go through to the all-important grand final.

There's a chance for you to get involved too as each night an audience vote will also be taken

Buy your tickets for the heats now. Tickets are priced £7.50 for heats and £10 for the final. Just call the box office on 0844 871 7652 or visit www.ambassadortickets.com

Log on to MK NEWS website each morning this week to find out who has made it through to Saturday's final.

STAR ATTRACTION: Anthea Turner

Criminal awarded reduced sentence in appeal court

A TEENAGER who was jailed after he was found in possession of homemade explosives has won a cut in his sentence.

Adil Rehman, 20, of Victoria Street, Wolverton, appeared before London's Criminal Appeal Court on Thursday.

Rehman was in a car with his friends when police stopped them to search the vehicle at Aylesbury Street, Wolverton, on July 15 last year.

Officers found a small amount of homemade explosive powder.

Rehman was charged with possession of explosive substances for unlawful purposes and David Crosby, 31, of Wainers Croft, Greenleys, was also charged with the same offence.

Rehman was found guilty by a jury at Huntingdon Crown Court in July and sentenced to two years and eight months in prison.

Crosby was convicted by a jury in February and sentenced to two years in prison.

Rehman, who claimed he felt intimidated by rival families in his neighbourhood, won a case in the appeal court to reduce his sentence to the same level as Crosby.

Rehman also attempted to appeal against his conviction but that challenge was dismissed.

No ordinary board meeting

IT was a case of up, up and away for some talented snowboarders.

The British Big Air Championships took place at the SNO!zone and as our picture shows those taking part were certainly not holding back.

More than 110 of the UK's top snowboarders and freeskiers took to the slopes on September 19 as they travelled more than 16 metres through the air displaying a selection of spins, flips and huge airs.

Around 100 youngsters from Lord Grey and Walton High School were guests on the day after they had been visited earlier in the week by professional snowboarders and skiers.

Extra homework for council

THE council is set to tell the Government how it will rectify its 'inadequate' services for children.

Writing a 'performance improvement plan' was a condition when the Secretary of State, Ed Balls, announced he was intervening in the city's schools.

It followed the 'one star' assessment in December 2008, which placed Milton Keynes Council as one of the four worst authorities in the country in terms of its provisions for young people.

The improvement plan, which must be completed by today, bullet points all the authority's failings, before detailing how it should rectify them.

An Improvement Board has already been set up to oversee this, at the Government's request.

The children's services in MK are 'poorly developed, under resourced and lack sufficient capacity to catch up', the plan, which was given to councillors in draft form last week, says.

The 'starting point' paints a picture of a current situation of a 'number of pupils falling behind'.

Aims include improving financial management, leadership and results.

Cabinet member for children, Sandra Clark, said she was comfortable with the plan, but did not want to comment fully until it is ratified.

A spokesman for the Department for Children, Schools and Families: "Once we receive the plan we will consider what further steps need to be taken, and whether any further steps need to be taken."

MKNEWSBRIEFS

Escapologist named best street entertainer

THE final of the National Street Entertainers Competition was held at The Hub on Saturday.

It was a huge success with big crowds enjoying a variety of entertainers all hoping to win the top prize of £1,000.

First prize went to Steve Faulkner, an extraordinary escapologist and illusionist. Runners up were Daniel & Hugo, European Street Theatrical entertainers, Matt The Statue and Jamie, The Jamie Dodger. Also back by popular demand was Titan, the 8ft robot.

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From far left to right: Michael Cawley was sentenced to two and a half years in prison, Dominic Hall will serve three years and Sean Billington 12 months

Prison sentences for Volkswagen cloners

THREE men have been jailed for stealing cars and giving them new identities.

The men from Milton Keynes pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit fraud and were sentenced at Huntingdon Crown Court last Tuesday.

Dominic Hall, 18, formerly of Holton Hill, Emerson Valley, was sentenced to three years in prison.

Michael Patrick Cawley, 29, from Goddards Close, Wolverton, was sentenced to two and a half years and Sean Billington, 22, formerly of Bransgill Court, Heelands, was sentenced to 12 months in prison.

Melissa Gale, 29, from Bransgill Court, Heelands, also pleaded guilty to the same offence and was given 200 hours community service.

The investigation relates to 12 offences committed in various parts of the country involving high value Volkswagen Golfs and Passats.

In most cases the keys to the cars were stolen during house burglaries and then the cars themselves were taken.

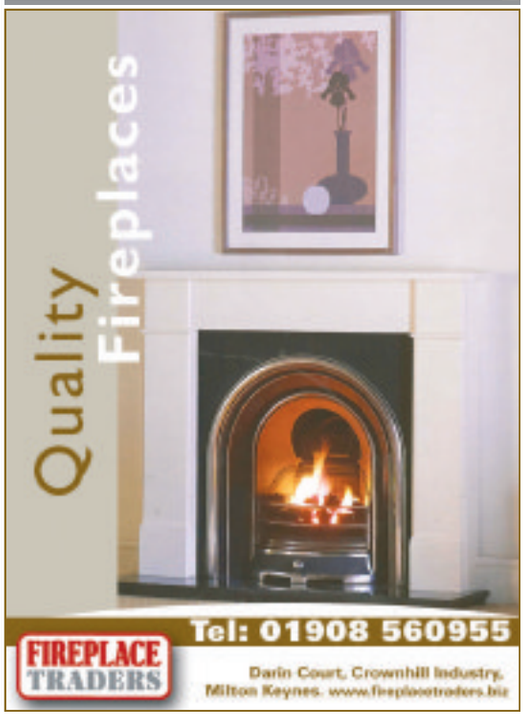
The stolen cars were then professionally cloned, which means they were given number plates which already belonged to other cars.

The vehicles were then advertised via Autotrader and fraudulent V5 registration documents were used to support the transactions.

Det Ch Insp Justin Fletcher, crime manager for Thames Valley Police in Milton Keynes, said: "There has been some excellent work between various teams within Thames Valley Police and other forces to ensure these offenders were brought to justice.

"A large amount of analytical work went into this job and I would like to personally thank the work of our crime analysts in Milton Keynes and the officer in charge of the overall investigation Det Con Dave Phipps.

"There is no doubt that the activity involved in this operation and others connected to it have prevented many more house burglaries and car thefts taking place in the Milton Keynes area."



MK trees given chance to enjoy good innings

WHETHER seen on the village green or at Lords, thousands of cricket bats across the world started life as a tree in Milton Keynes.

Cricket Bat Willow trees, grown purposely to produce cricket bats, will be felled from Pineham, Wolverton, Stony Stratford and Great Linford to provide the raw materials for future generations of cricket players. Each autumn The Parks Trust identifies trees suitable for the manufacture of cricket bats from its stock of over 3,000 cricket bat willow trees.

This stock had been steadily planted since the 1970s and as the older trees are felled ***(above, right and below)***, they are replaced with new ones so that the cycle of production can continue.

Not every willow is suitable but English-grown willow (Salix Alba Caerulea) is regarded by bat-makers the world over as the highest quality obtainable.

Trees are felled at an age of around 15-30 years and money from the sale of wood (around £200-£300 a tree) is ploughed back into The Park Trust's work of caring for the city's parks and open spaces.

Rob Riekie, The Parks Trust's Landscape and Forestry Manager, said: "We carefully plan all the planting of parks and landscapes within our care.

"Over the years we've identified where the most suitable areas for growing Cricket Bat Willow trees are and we've built up a stock of trees so that we can take a regular harvest.

"This year 138 trees will be taken from four areas to create cricket bats and will generate £39,000 that will be reinvested into our parks."

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Wednesday 25th November 2009

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Hearts of gold and tin

Jaime Jackson, Milton Keynes Council's public art co-ordinator and Jessica Rost with the Tin-Man and his restored heart

YOUNGSTERS have shown they have a heart by replacing one in Beanhill.

They have been working with Milton Keynes-based artist Jessica Rost to put the heart back into the Tin-Man, the much-loved sculpture created for Beanhill in 1978.

According to local stories a family of birds nested in a hole where his heart should have been. Young people where horrified to learn that someone had disturbed the nest and the birds had flown.

Supported by Milton Keynes Council Art Unit, Milton Keynes Youth Service and Woughton Parish Council, young people have been working with Jessica to give the Tin-Man a heart using a design that they created.

Public art co-ordinator for Milton Keynes Council, Jaime Jackson, said, "Milton Keynes is proud of its public art and the tin man is loved by people in Beanhill. We need to look after these parts of our creative community, working with young people to make sure the next generation can continue to enjoy them."

Milton Keynes Council youth worker, Clare Slattery added: "This has been a great opportunity for young people to create something which has a lasting, positive impact for the local area, giving pleasure to the local community for years to come."

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Children's centre given 'good' rating

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A CENTRE for children who are not coping within mainstream education has been rated 'good' by Ofsted.

The Manor Road Personalised Education Centre in Bletchley has been awarded a 'good' standard in every category after an inspection carried out in July.

The report states that 'the centre is well led by a caring manager and staff team'.

The centre provides a service for up to 70 pupils aged 11 to 16 who are referred because they are not coping within mainstream education and have been permanently excluded or are at risk of exclusion.

They are given a personal education plan and helped to develop their personal and social skills.

Helen Isaac, centre manager, said: "We are thrilled to have received this report.

"It shows that the hard work of teaching and support staff has really paid off and we are really making a difference to the young people we are here to help.

"The rating has given us the impetus to continue to provide not just good but excellent services to our pupils and their families in future."

Cllr Sandra Clark, lead member for children added: "This is excellent news.

"I am very proud that this specialist centre has been recognised for the individualised support it offers young people to ensure they can learn in a way that suits them and enables them to re-enter mainstream education with a positive attitude to their education and people around them."

Shoplifter assaults manager after pursuit

A SHOP manager was hit on the head with a metal implement after chasing after a suspected shoplifter.

The manager of Home Bargains, in Bletchley, stopped the man outside Cash Converters in Queensway at about 1.30pm on Monday, September 14.

An altercation took place and the suspected shoplifter was joined by another man who assaulted the victim with a metal implement he had is his hand.

The manager of the shop sustained injuries to the back of his head and was treated at Milton Keynes General Hospital.

A 27-year-old man, from Granby Court, Bletchley, was arrested on suspicion of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and is currently on police bail pending further investigation.

PC Isen Wharton, investigating, said: "This incident happened during a busy lunch time in the middle of Bletchley town centre.

"We know there were lots of people who saw the assault and we need these people to contact us to try and help identify the second offender and to get a better idea of exactly what happened."

The second offender is white with short hair and was wearing jeans with a light blue top underneath a black jacket.

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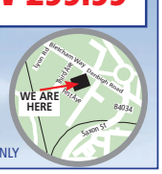

Photo competition deadline nears

THERE are just two weeks left to submit your photograph into The Parks Trust's Photography Competition and win £500 in photography vouchers.

The competition which is open to both adults and children runs until Friday October 9.

The Parks Trust's Photography Competition, supported by Milton Keynes Partnership, aims to highlight the beautiful and diverse landscapes, features and people of Milton Keynes. The competition has four categories to enter - wildlife, landscape, parklife and MK Life.

The overall winner will receive £500 in photography vouchers and the opportunity to be published in The Parks Trust's 2010 calendar. All runner-ups will receive £50 in vouchers and have their image displayed within the Competition's photographic exhibition to be held this winter.

Liz Woznicki, from The Parks Trust, said: "We've had some really lovely entries so far but we'd like to encourage even more people, and especially children and young people, to capture our unique city and its parks on camera."

For further information on how to enter the competition visit www.theparkstrust.com

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Crooked Billet wins acclaim

THE Crooked Billet Pub in Newton Longville has received an Inspectors Favourite Award in the newly published Michelin Eating out in Pubs 2010 Guide.

Only 550 UK pubs feature in this year's guide.

As ever the crucial factor for selection guide is the quality of the food.

Chef and owner Emma Gilchrist said: "Only a little over 100 pubs in this year's guide have been singled out for the recognition of an inspectors favourite.

"All the pubs in the guide serve good food.

"This award means that we offer food that is particularly special. I am over the moon".

Trans France charity cycle

A TEAM of dedicated cyclists have pedalled their way across France for charity.

The quartet of local businessman headed by Tony Priest from the TD Group Ltd cycled 500 miles in three days.

The route started last Friday from Rouen in Normandy and travelled through the Alps, Mancelles, Le Mans racing circuit, Amboise, Montrichard, Chenonceaux, Chaumont and Chambord.

The group coverd around 160 miles per day raising money via the Extra Mile Challenge programme for five different charities.

There target is £2,000 so if you wish to donate log on to www.justgiving.com/loirechallenge2009

Joint venture to save lives

XSCAPE and the British Heart Foundation have teamed up to save lives.

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Around 90,000 people die from heart attacks every year.

Defibrillators deliver a controlled electric shock to the heart in order to restore a normal heartbeat after a cardiac arrest.

As part of the joint venture with the BHF, trained security staff at Xscape will now have access to the potentially life-saving equipment, should an emergency occur.

Simon Morrison, General Manager of Xscape, said: "It's great that we are able to support such an important charity as a landmark building in Milton Keynes, we are very pleased to be able to lead the way in this highly worthwhile cause."

Catwalk comes to MK

FASHIONISTAS can look forward to this weekend in the city.

Midsummer Place launches its two weeks of fashion activities.

Shoppers can get hold of an exclusive Fashion Fortnight Privilege card that offers numerous discounts and freebies at over 20 stores in Midsummer Place from Monday, October 19.

Only 10,000 limited edition cards have been created which can be snapped up for free from Saturdayinside Midsummer Place.

Holders will be entitled to discounts including; free tea and coffee at Debenhams; 10 per cent off at Karen Millen; Kookai; Lush; Charles Clinkards; 15 per cent off at Planet; free keyring with every purchase at Lego and much more.

Fashion Fortnight is a celebration of the latest trends and styles which will culminate in a runway event on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31.

Visit www.midsummerplace.co.uk for a full list of participating stores and offers.

FILMCOMPETITION

WIN tickets to the special regional premiere of one of this Autumn's biggest family films.

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld and Xscape to give away ten pairs of tickets to the new movie 'Up'.

Up is a comedy adventure from the Academy Award-nominated team of director Pete Docter (Monsters, Inc.) and co-director Bob Peterson.

Carl Fredricksen spent his entire life dreaming of exploring the globe and experiencing life to its fullest. But at age 78, life seems to have passed him by, until a twist of fate (and a persistent eight year old named Russell) gives him a new lease of life. 'Up' takes audiences on a thrilling journey where the unlikely pair encounter wild terrain, unexpected villains and jungle creatures.

The movie doesn't officially open until October 9 but the special regional gala screening takes place this Sunday at 4pm.

As well as the screening of the movie, there will also be a load of great activities taking place throughout Xscape, including your chance to win family tickets to the premiere, flights on Airkix and some great Cineworld prizes.

The fun kicks of from 12pm.

To celebrate the premiere, 100 helium-filled balloons were released on Xscape's front piazza on Saturday. If you found a balloon, just call the number on the tag attached to it to win a free cinema ticket.

You can also help out Brownies, Scouts and Cubs throughout MK. Each balloon is tagged with a pack number and the balloon that travels the furthest wins the pack tickets for the whole group to come to the premiere.

HOW TO ENTER

ALL you have to do to win is send your name, address and daytime telephone to Gala competition at competitions@mk-news.co.uk by 12 noon on Thursday, October 1. First ten drawn out of the hat win the tickets. Editor's decision is final.

Milton Keynes Partnership Committee Public Meetings

The next public meeting of the Milton Keynes Partnership Planning Sub Commitee will take place on:

Date and time: Monday 19th October 2009 from 5.30pm

Venue: The Guild Hall, City Church, CMK, MK9 2ES

For an agenda and more details of the meeting either contact the Committee Secretariat at the address below or view five working days prior to the meeting on www.miltonkeynespartnership.info

Anyone wishing to address or submit questions to the Committee should contact the Secretariat in **writing by 12 noon on Thursday 15th October 2009** to Milton Keynes Partnership Committee, CBX II, 414-428 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA.

E: committees@miltonkeynespartnership.info
T: 0300 123 4500

Milton Keynes Partnership Committee has planning powers to determine major applications within the defined Urban Development Areas (UDA), which covers the expansion areas to the east and west of Milton Keynes and a small area to the north of the city.

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THE winners of this year's Garden of the Year competition were rewarded for their hard work at the weekend.

Now in its fourth year, Milton Keynes Garden of the Year 2009, was bigger and better than ever before.

Roman Way Garden Centre once again teamed up with MKNEWS to look for the best large, medium and small gardens across our city.

On a sunny morning on Sunday the winners and runners met at the garden centre for the prize giving.

The number of entries had increased significantly this year and as the quality was so high the judging was harder than ever. All types of gardens were represented, from classical to quirky and the awards were as follows;

Small Garden: Winner Mrs Randall, Runner up Mr Williams,

Medium Garden Winner: Mrs Jenkins, Runner up Mr Holiday and Mr Rudge.

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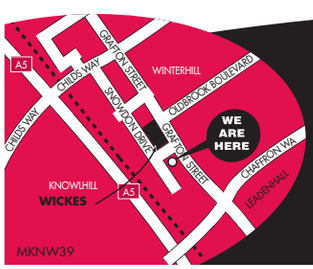

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Cash points to ATM scam

BY LAURA HANNAM
laura.hannam@mk-news.co.uk

POLICE are warning card holders to be vigilant after suspect devices have been found on cash machines in Stony Stratford.

Since April 1, Thames Valley Police has received 18 reports of skimming devices being used on cash machines in the town.

The most recent offence took place on Friday, September 11 when a customer informed the owners of the cash machine that his card has been retained by the machine and the owners discovered £600 had been withdrawn from the account without the victim's permission.

PC Deane Abbs, investigating, said: "I would like to hear from anyone that may have witnessed any suspicious activity around the area of any cash machine in Stony Stratford.

"I urge people using cash machines to be vigilant and, if they believe the machine to be suspicious, report it straight away to the owners of the machine and do not, under any circumstances, use it."

Anyone with information call PC Abbs on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Author's loving feeling towards library

A ROMANTIC novel writer is to release her latest book.

Carole Matthews, from Milton Keynes, will launch her new novel That Loving Feeling at Stony Stratford Library on October 1.

The bestselling author has had work published around the world including the United States.

In the UK, her books include Let's Meet on Platform 8, A Whiff of Scandal, More To Life Than This, For Better, For Worse, The Sweetest Taboo, and With or Without You.

She will be at the library, in Church Street, from 6.30pm onwards, starting with a talk and finishing off by signing copies of her new book.

She said: "I wanted to launch the book in this library as I did much of my research in the library and of course I have mentioned it in the acknowledgments."

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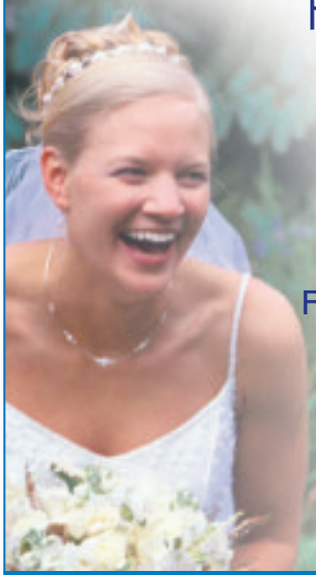

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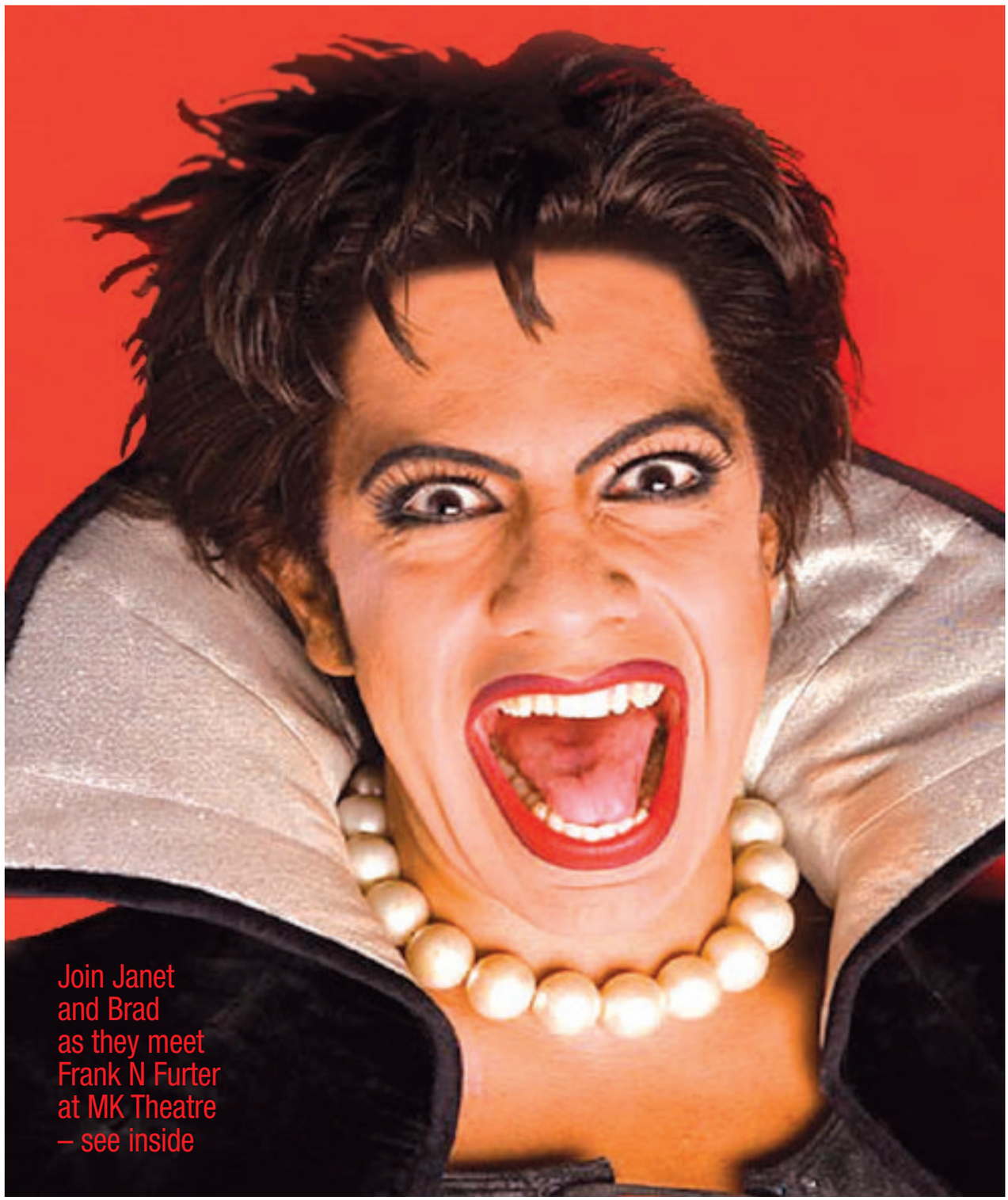

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Closing date Tuesday, October 6.

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CIRCUS STARR

Roll up for the circus

THE circus is coming to town to raise money for a hospice.

Circus Starr arrives in Bletchley on Wednesday, October 7 hoping to raise both smiles and funds for Willen Hospice, which provides specialist care for terminally ill people.

The circus is a magical mix of top flight acrobatics, breathtaking balancing and non-stop comedy.

Featuring the hilarious physical comedy of Duo Delbosq, the outstanding Argentinean Gaucho as featured on the Paul O'Grady Show with the famed Bolas Dance of Courage and Tracy Jones with her internationally acclaimed Corde Lisse act bringing grace, skill and sheer beauty.

The circus will be in Block F, Bletchley Park, with shows at 4.45pm and 7pm.

Half the income from the event will be donated to Willen Hospice.

Since taking to the road 22 years ago, Circus Starr has raised more than £2 million for charities. Tickets from £11.50 to £16.10 call 01260 288690.

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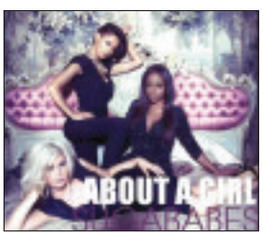

AND so the revolving door to the Sugababes JobCentre spins round again, this time ejecting the last remaining founder member onto the street.

Seven albums, four line-ups and a 100 per cent turnover in staff along the way.

I don't think I've ever seen this before – a band transforming itself from a self-created trio doing their own thing into little more than a brand name.

Fair enough, Oasis have had a few changes over the years, but the Gallaghers were there to the end, or at least Liam was.

If you ask me, Sugababes Version 1.0 was the real deal with Version 2.0 not too far off, but Version 3.0 was when things started getting silly.

When Mutya got replaced I came up with two theories.

First off, somebody obviously thought the band could ONLY work as a trio and, secondly, it was likely that same person also thought that the brand (not band) could last forever with the aid of an occasional reshuffle to keep things fresh, hence the new look Sugababes Version 4.0.

Pop bands aren't like football teams you know, you need to keep at least one original in otherwise it becomes a tribute act. With no founder members left, I don't think they can still call themselves the Sugababes and expect people to keep a straight face, especially notwhen Version 1.0 could now reform (around the same time that Satan builds a snowman) and go head-to-head with them.

Can the new line-up get away with singing Overload? Of course not. This whole mess is pop music at its most ridiculous.

Anyway, the song.

I'm almost certain the Version 3.0 I've heard isn't the one that'll be released (yes, I'm that cynical), but as the singers are interchangeable anyway it doesn't seem to matter unless your name's Keisha and you've recently been made redundant.

This would've been a far better final outing for her than Get Sexy was, because this doesn't have any gimmicks, it just stomps around in an 80s Madonna mixed with 90s disco fashion for three and a half minutes. In fact, given all the comings and goings and the fiasco that's surrounding the release of this single, the biggest surprise is that this is comfortably their best release in some time.

It genuinely is a good pop song, it's just a shame it's being released by a band whose credibility, in my view, has now been shot to pieces.

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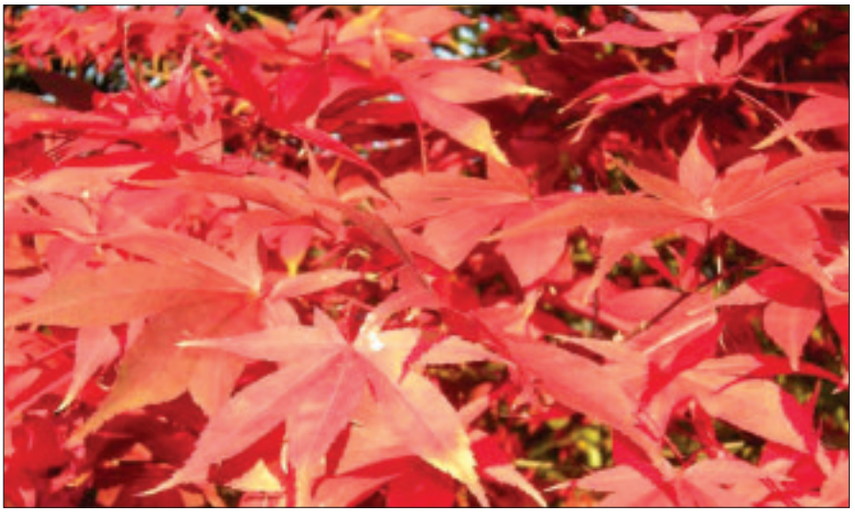

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There are many large growing maples that also provide superb Autumnal leaf colour.

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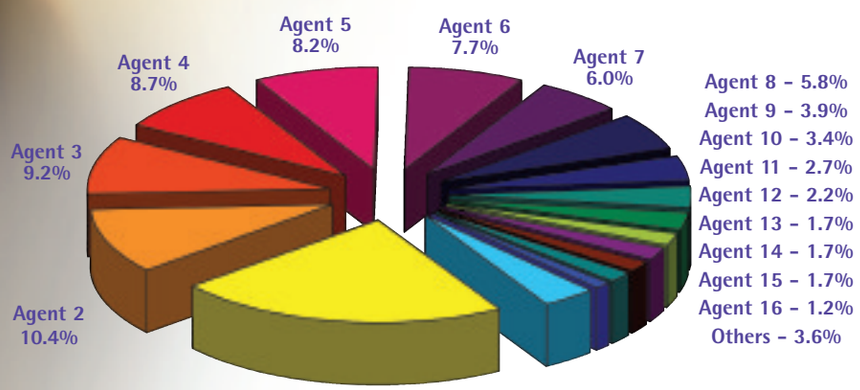

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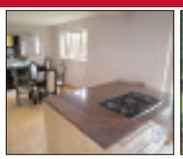
Bradwell Village £389,995

A rare opportunity to aquire this well presented thatched cottage, which is situated in Bradwell Village.

•Period thatched cottage• gated driveway• corner plot gardens •landscaped Garden and Patio •extended Dining Room• Inglenook fireplace• exposed beams •refitted kitchen

Walnut Tree £435,000



A recently modernised 5 bed detached residence found in a sought after cul-de-sac in Walnut Tree.

•Lounge • Modern Kitchen/Diner with granite worksurfaces and new appliances •Utility and w/c •5 bedrooms •En-suite •Family bathroom• Private driveway •Double garage• Mature gardens•

Woolstone £425,000

This wonderful property is located in the highly desirable area of Woolstone.

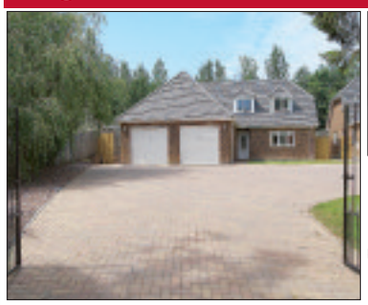
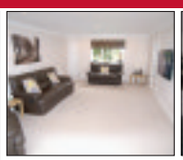
•Lounge • Dining room • Sun room • Study • Kitchen • Family room • Downstairs bathroom • Two double bedrooms • En suite and family bathroom• Accommodation is very flexible • Internal viewing is highly recommended.

Walnut Tree £379,995

A spacious Five bedroom detached property in a cul de sac location in Walnut Tree.

• Lounge • Family Room •Dining Room •Kitchen • Five Bedrooms with En Suite to master • Family Bathroom •,Front and Rear Gardens offering a high level of privacy and detached double Garage•

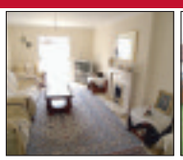
Loughton £525,000

An extremely high specification detached executive residence situated in the property area of Loughton.

•24ft lounge •modern kitchen/breakfast •15ft dining room •study • utility and cloakroom •four double bedrooms • two en suites and family bathroom •ample block paved parking accessed via electrically operated wrought iron gates to the front with generous patio and garden to rear •the property boasts an integrated sound system wired to many rooms with ceiling recessed speakers.

Medbourne £349,995



A rare opportunity to acquire this four bedroom double fronted detached home with stunning atrium style kitchen and dining/family room.

•Lounge• Dining room •Kitchen •Family/dining area • Four double bedrooms •Good size en suite to master bedroom• Family bathroom •Rear garden •Drive and garage.

Walton Park Offers Over £450,000

This attractive detached property is located in the highly sought area of Walton Park. • L-shaped lounge dining room • Kitchen/Breakfast • Study • Utility and cloakroom • Four double bedrooms • Dressing room • Balcony from master bedroom • Two en suites • Landscaped and private gardens of a good size, private gravel driveway with generous parking and double garage.

Heath and Reach £465,000

A very high specification detached executive residence situated in an off road location in Heath and Reach.

•Boasts solid wooden doors and solid wooden floors throughout •under floor heating to ground and first floor • modern bathroom and modern kitchen recently fitted • large lounge • large kitchen/breakfast room • dining room • study •five bedrooms with en suite to master and family bathroom • There is approximately 1 acre of land attached to this property with the most stunning patio to the rear of the property extending round to the side of this beautiful home •

Furzton Lake £785,000

Exclusive detached property is set on a generous private plot in the highly sought after area of Furzton.

• Impressive reception hall •lounge •dining room •kitchen/family room •study •First floor open plan entertaining hall with galleried landings• 2 balconies and stunning views across Furzton Lake• Four double bedrooms with 3 en-suites. Landscaped gardens, electric gated entrance to a substantial drive and detached double garage.

Drayton Parslow £389,000

A very well presented four bedroom detached property which has been updated by the current owners in the popular village of Drayton Parslow.

•Study •Lounge •Dining room •Kitchen •Utility room •Cloakroom •Four bedrooms with ensuite to master • Family bathroom • Landscaped front and rear gardens •Gravel driveway and garage•

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SPACIOUS APARTMENTS £149,995

Set in a pinnacle corner building, just 6 above average sized 2 bedrooms, 2 bathroom apartments. With a private allocated car park to the rear. Each plot has a double aspect 22ft lounge with separate kitchen and a balcony. Juliet balcony from the master with en-suite. The 2nd bedroom is a double size. Broughton is ideally located near the M1 junction, park and ride to Central Milton Keynes, coach station and Kingston district centre.

TRADITIONAL 4 BEDROOM SEMI £239,995

This impressive four bedroom and two bathroom home provides spacious family living. The living room to the rear boasts relaxing garden views and French doors offering easy access to the garden itself, while the kitchen features a designated breakfast area and a further window which overlooks the road. This property has great M1 access and school catchments.

Spacious 5 Bed £525,000

Set on a no through road just 24 homes surrounded by parkland and an original church, yet all the convenience of Milton Keynes and M1 junction. This fantastic 5 bedroom detached house with double garage offers everything you need for a family lifestyle. The accommodation comprises of a big kitchen/diner, 2 separate reception rooms and a utility. This property also boasts 5 great bedrooms and 4 bath/shower rooms. (Picture of show home)

GENEROUS PLOT SIZE £364,995

READY NOW!! This imposing detached home with an abundance of versatile accommodation, including 3 receptions, 3 bath/showers rooms, driveway and double length garage. Situated in a popular West Milton Keynes area with sought after school catchments.

STRIKING 4 BEDROOM WITH GARAGE £235,000

This fantastic 3 storey property has the benefit of a garage and two parking spaces. A versatile internal layout with a top floor master bedroom incorporating a dressing room and en-suite. The use of big windows to most rooms, offers a light, airy feel to the contemporary design. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1.

LIVING ROOM OF 25'FT £165,707

This 3 bedroom link detached 2 storey home offers a very generous living room which is double aspect. The kitchen has built in Bosch appliances and parking is gated. Set on a canal side development adjacent to Waterhall Park. Ideally located, just off the A5, A4146 junction for southern destinations.
THIS PLOT IS AVAILABLE ON SHARED EQUITY.

LAST PLOT REMAINING!! £499,995

INCENTIVES AVAILABLE
This amazing home has something a little different. Leave the rear westerly garden via a spiral staircase and walk up onto another garden. A fantastic south facing outside room which is also accessed from the master suite or landing. Inside a similar versatility is offered with 6 bedrooms/ 3 receptions or 4 bedrooms/ 5 receptions. The parking and garage is accessed via electric gates. Situated in a very popular part of Milton Keynes with quick access to the M1.

SPACIOUS VILLAGE HOME COMING SOON!! £425,000

Shortly to be completed an individual 4 bedroom, 3 en-suites, 4 reception room detached home with double garage. In this popular village location near Olney. Boasting open views to the rear and an excellent level of specification including under floor heating to the ground floor. Of particular note is the spacious nature of the open plan downstairs, which includes a conservatory style bonus room from the lounge. This pretty village boasts a host of amenities and is ideally located for community.

OPEN PLAN DESIGN £263,000

Upstairs on this 4 bedroom home is a traditional layout. Contrasted downstairs by a separate double aspect lounge with an open plan kitchen, dining, family room with bay walk in window to the garden. Choose from garage or double door less garage. Part exchange available. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes with popular school catchment and quick access onto the M1.

VILLAGE HOMES £280,000

Rarely available 4 bedroom home and ready now in the sought after area village of Lavendon. Boasting a separate 3 car driveway to the garage with private rear garden. Inside a high specification finish with 2 reception rooms. Situated in a established residential area on a no through road. The village boasts shop, school and two pubs. And is conveniently located just outside Olney on the A428 trunk road. Set on a small development of just 4 houses.

LAST PLOT REMAINING £269,950

Yes, incredible size for the money at 1561sqft. Boasting three receptions, three bath/shower rooms and four double bedrooms. Outside there is a garage and generous drive and an outlook over a brook. Situated in west Milton Keynes with popular school catchment. Ready now, with carpets and some great price deals!

EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT £525,000

Set behind electric gates, a collection of just 11 private homes in the popular area of Linslade. Just a short walk will bring you to the London rail station and all town centre amenities. This high specification 5 bedroom detached has versatility to run a business from home or an annex for a member of the family. The home boasts 5 bedrooms, 2 en-suites, 3 reception rooms and a generous plot. The accommodation above the open plan triple garage includes a 26ft room with a WC. Outside the private road is gated and block paved. Giving a secure, private setting in this popular residential area. Key in office, viewing highly recommended.

HUGE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE £312,995

Boasting lots of glass feature windows, this double bedroomed home has a separate formal lounge, then a fantastic open plan kitchen/dining/family room onto the garden. Upstairs all the bedrooms have wardrobes and the bathroom has a separate shower cubicle in addition to the en-suite. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes with popular school catchment and quick access onto the M1.

5 BEDROOM DETACHED £345,000

Offering a well balanced layout with kitchen/diner and 3 further reception rooms. Upstairs there is 3 bath/shower rooms and most bedrooms are a double size. Outside there is a garage with generous driveway. Situated in east Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1.

4 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME £272,995

The Hadden is a four bedroom home. This ground floor consists of a spacious dual aspect lounge, a fitted kitchen with breakfast area and doors opening up to the garden at the rear and a separate family room. The four bedrooms, including a spacious master bedroom with en-suite are located on the first floor; in addition to a stylish family bathroom. Set in the popular East edge of Milton Keynes with excellent access to the M1. (Internal photos from similar showhome.)

EXECUTIVE HOMES £779,000

A opportunity to be one of the first to see this rare and exclusive new development of 4 executive 5 and 6 bedroom homes with generous gardens. In a peaceful setting on the very edge of the western city boundary on the fringe of Kingsmead. Each home will offer a level specification to be expected. Customers will have a great level of input at this early stage to bespoke the home to your own requirements. Call to find out more!

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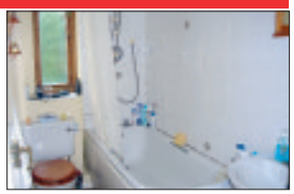
Shenley Brook End £149,995



* Two Bedroom Property
* Gas Central Heating
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Allocated Parking
* Must be Viewed!

Newton Longville £182,950

* Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached House
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing
* Cloakroom
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking

Heelands £125,000

* Three Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Vacant Possession

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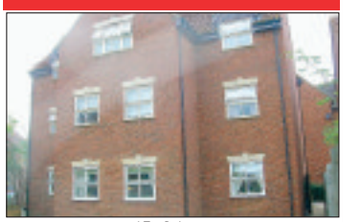
Milton Keynes Guide Price £149,995

* Two Bedroom Property
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Off Road Parking
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Close proximity to CMK
* Must be Viewed!

Monkston £182,500



* Two Bedrooms
* Ground Floor Apartment
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* En-Suite
* Communal Garden
* Bin Store

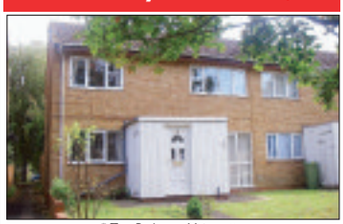
Grange Farm £269,950

* Four/Five Bedroom Property
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
* Two En-Suites
* Family Bathroom
* Gardens
* ORP & Garage
* No Upper Chain

Furzton £162,500

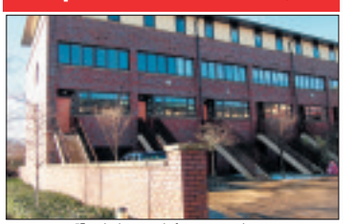
* Three Bedroom
* Link Detached
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen/Diner
* Carport
* Garden

Stantonbury £124,000



* Two Bedroom Maisonette
* First Floor
* Lounge
* Re-Fitted Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Garage in Block
* Viewing is Recommended

Campbell Park £299,950



*Four bedroom end of terrace town house
*Double glazing
*Gas to radiator heating
*Kitchen/diner
*Master suite with dressing area, en-suite and balcony
*Gardens
*Garage
*Very good decoration

Broughton £290,000

* Five Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Family Bathroom
* En-Suite
* Garden

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Caldecotte £154,995

- Two Bedroom Property
- Semi-Detached
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bradville £156,995

- Three Bedroom Extended Property
- Semi-Detached
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Downstairs Cloakroom/Utility
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Broughton £124,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Communal Entrance
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Allocated Parking
- Vacant Possession

Crownhill Guide Price £170,000

- Three Bedroom
- Detached House
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Conservatory
- Gardens and Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Oldbrook £69,000

- Two Bedroom Spilt Level Property
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Courtyard Garden
- Shared Ownership

Bradwell Common £230,000

- Four Bedroom
- Link Detached Home
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Separate Receptions
- Garage and Gardens
- Viewing Is Highly Recommended

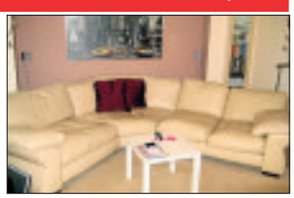
Neath Hill OIEO £280,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Large Separate Reception Rooms
- Two En-Suites
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Gardens
- ORP & Garage

Walnut Tree OIEO £110,000

- One Bedroom
- Split Level Maisonette
- Entrance
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Off Road Parking

Ashland £237,500



- Four bedroom end of terraced townhouse
- Gas to radiator heating and double glazing
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Dining room
- Lounge
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Gardens
- Garage.

Westcroft £70,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Diner
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Downs Barn £167,995

- Three bedroom detached property
- Central location of Downs Barn
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens.

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Crownhill £209,995

* Three bedroom detached
* Re-fitted kitchen/diner
* Conservatory
* En suite to master bedroom
* Gardens to front and rear
* Single garage and off road parking

Kingsmead £229,995

* 4/5 Townhouse
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* En suite to Master Bedroom
* Gardens
* Garage
* Overlooking Parkland

Public Notice

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We are acting for the mortgagee in possession and have received an offer of £57,500 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

West Bletchley £159,995

* Three bedroom semi detached
* Kitchen/diner
* Lounge
* Cul de sac location
* Gardens to front and rear
* Off road parking
* Single garage

Crownhill £267,950

* Four bedroom detached
* Separate reception rooms
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* En suite to master bedroom
* Gardens and garage

We urgently require 3 bedroom properties in West Milton Keynes Please call Taylors Westcroft on 01908 524456

Windmill Hill £310,000

* Detached family home
* Four bedrooms
* Separate reception rooms
* Gardens to front and rear
* Double garage and off road parking

Central Bletchley £119,995

* Two bedroom terraced home
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Lounge/diner
* Upstairs bathroom
* Front and rear gardens

Shenley Church End OIEO £165,000

* Semi detached home
* Three bedrooms
* Separate reception rooms
* Gardens
* Off road parking

Crownhill £174,995

* Semi detached home
* Four bedrooms
* Separate reception rooms
* Gardens to front and rear
* Off road parking

Racecourses £144,995

* End of terrace property
* Two bedrooms
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Re-fitted bathroom
* Gardens to front and rear
* Off road parking

Lakes Estate £119,995

* End of terrace home
* Three bedrooms
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Re-fitted bathroom
* Gardens to front and rear
* No upper chain

Grange Farm £374,950

* Five Bedrooms
* Cloakroom
* Study
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility Room
* Ensuite
* Family bathroom
* Garden

Westcroft £115,000

* Two bedroom apartment
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Two bedrooms
* Balcony
* Off road parking
* No upper chain

Trees OIEO £200,000

* Three/four bedroom home
* Semi rural location
* Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
* Downstairs shower room
* Gardens to front and rear

West Bletchley £134,995

* End of terrace home
* Three bedrooms
* Open plan lounge and dining room
* Kitchen
* Bathroom and separate w.c.
* Gardens to front and rear

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HavershamGuide Price £219,995

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• Semi-Detached Property
• Refurbished Shower Room
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Planning Permission Extension
• Must Be Viewed!

Wolverton Guide price £179,995

• Three Bedrooms
• Mid-terraced property
• Victorian property
• Gas to radiator heating
• Double glazing
• Front and rear gardens

Fullers Slade £69,995

• One Bedroom Flat
• Ground Floor
• Double Glazing
• Gas to Radiator Heating
• Re-fitted Kitchen
• Re-fitted Bathroom
• Carport
• Very well presented

Stony StratfordPOA £160,000

• One bedroom property
• Fronting onto the green
• Gas to radiator heating
• Garden
• As the acting agents we highly recommend an internal viewing.

Wolverton £179,995

• Three bedrooms
• Mid terraced
• Victorian property
• Gas to radiator heating
• Double glazing
• Front and rear gardens

Wolverton £195,995

• Very Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• Mid-Terraced Victorian Home
• Original Features
• Refitted Kitchen Breakfast Room
• Refitted Family Bathroom
• Internal Viewing A Must!

Deanshanger £280,000

• Three storey, four bedroom detached
• En suite to master bedroom
• Kitchen/diner and utility
• Conservatory
• Gardens and garage
• Must Be Viewed

Two Mile Ash OIES £280,000

• Four Bedrooms
• Dining Room
• Kitchen Breakfast Room
• Lounge
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Garage

Wolverton Mill

• 3 Bedrooms• Lounge• Dining Room• Kitchen• Family Bathroom• En-suite• Garage• Gardens

Two Mile Ash £150,000

• Two double bedrooms
• Double glazing
• Refitted kitchen
• Off road parking
• Garden
• Must be viewed

Stony Stratford £249,995

• Four bedrooms
• Detached
• Bungalow
• Gas to radiator heating
• Double glazing
• Double length garage

Wolverton Guide Price £159,995

• Three Bedroom
• Mid-Terrace Victorian Home
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Double Glazing
• Cellarette
• Garage and Gardens

Stacey Bushes £119,995

• Well Presented • Three Bedroom
• End of Terrace Home
• Double Glazing • Gas Radiator Heating
• Conservatory • Gardens and Carport
• Viewing is Highly Recommended

Stony Stratford £109,950

• Very Well Presented
• One Bedroom
• First Floor Apartment
• Refitted Bathroom
• Double Glazing
• No Upper Chain

Deanshanger £167,500

• Two bedroom
• Semi-detached
• Garage
• Off road parking
• Cloakroom
• Highly recommend and internal viewing

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Newport Pagnell £159,995

• Two/Three Bedroom
• Terraced Home
• Sought After Location
• Separate Receptions
• Gardens
• Viewing Recommended

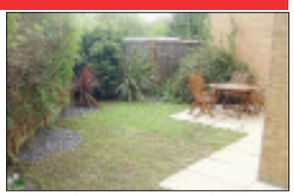
Great Linford Guide Price £174,995

• Mid-terraced property
• Three bedrooms
• Conservatory
• Rear garden
• Garage
• A Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the location and condition of this property.

Turvey £350,000

• Four Bedrooms
• Entrance Hall
• 13ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• 16ft Lounge/Diner
• Family bathroom
• En Suite to master bedroom
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Larger than average garage
• Magnificent views overlooking the river and weir

Blakelands £184,995



• Three bedroom semi detached home
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Front and rear gardens
• Allocated parking
• Tel: 01908 611966

Harrold Guide Price £119,995

• Extremely Well Presented
• Two Bedroom
• First Floor Apartment
• Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
• Decorated To A High Standard
• Allocated Parking
• Must Be Viewed!
• Tel 01234 713333

Harrold £175,000

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge• Kitchen / Diner
• Re-fitted Bathroom
• Garden

Newport Pagnell £169,995

• 3 Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Tel 01908 611966

Olney £269,995

• Four Bedrooms
• Cul-de-sac Position
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Front and rear gardens
• Garage

Irchester Guide Price £155,000

• Three bedrooms
• Detached
• Kitchen
• Lounge
• Bathroom
• Front and Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £149,995

• Terraced Victorian Property
• Two/Three Bedrooms
• Open Plan Living Area
• Study
• Loft Space/bedroom Three
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Tel 01908 611966

Newport Pagnell £184,995

• Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached Property
• Sought After Location
• In Need Of Full Refurbishment
• Garage and Gardens
• Off Road Parking
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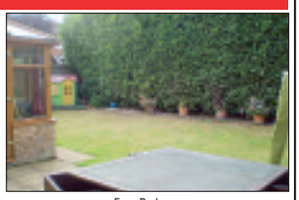

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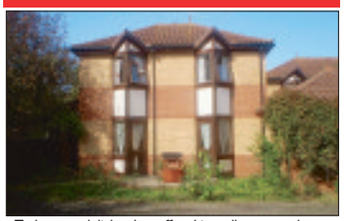

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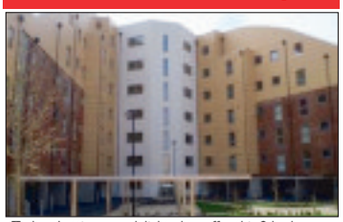

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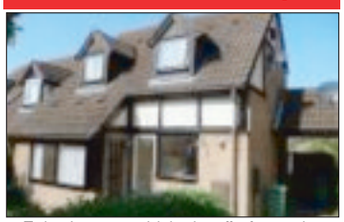

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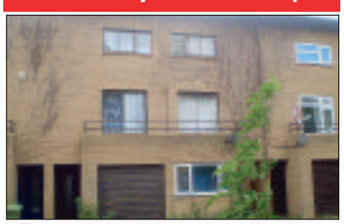

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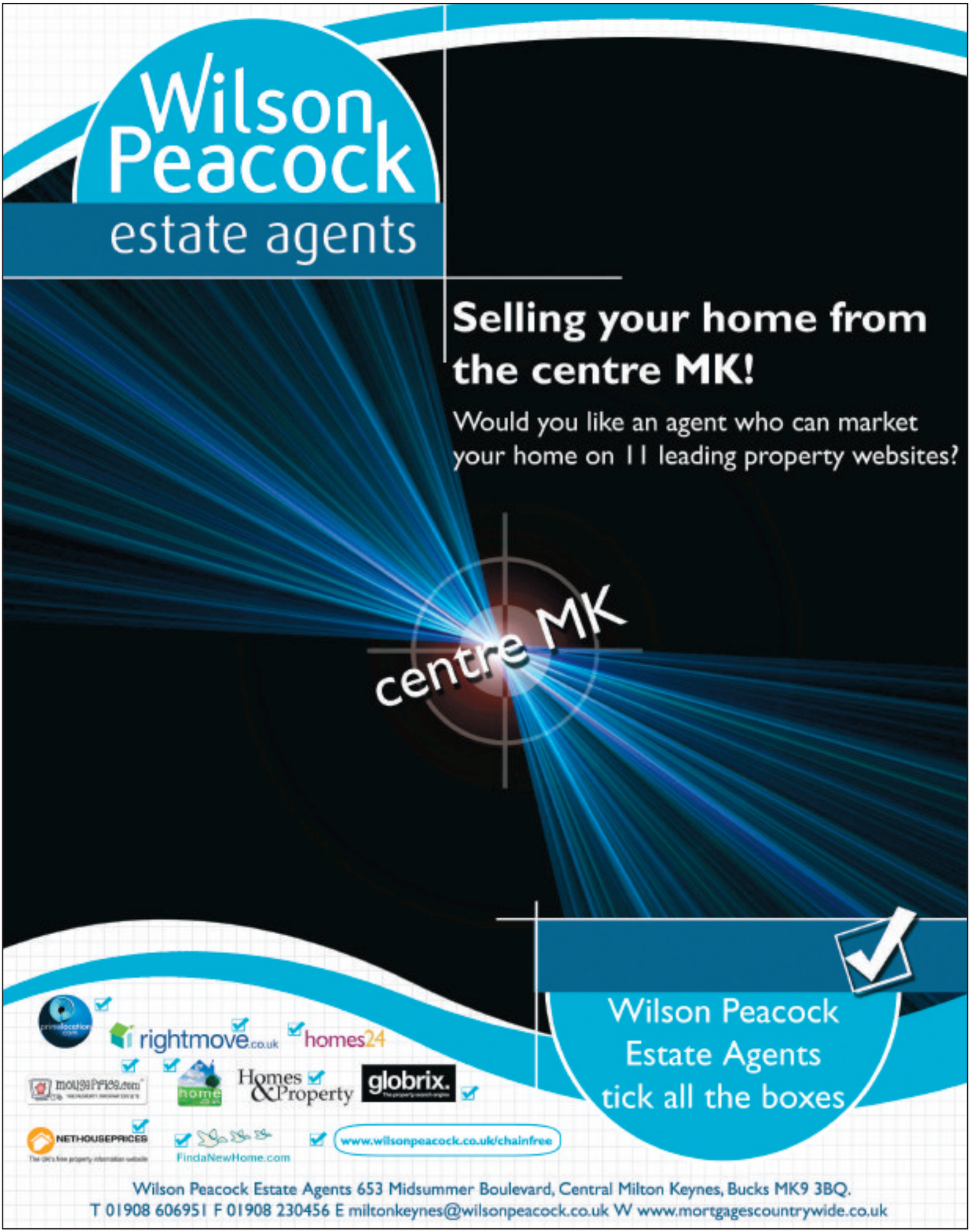
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- Preparation and maintenance of specialist equipment and resources for lessons.
- Create an 'outstanding' learning environment through developing display and teaching resources.
- Supervise student movement within and between Villages and to be part of a team supervising student behaviour around the site.
- To assist with activities for students at after school clubs/events.
- Organise cover of lessons within the Village.
- Support students to remove barriers to learning so they make 'outstanding' progress in lessons.
- Work in partnership with teachers to ensure lessons meet individual needs of students.
- To be responsible for the accuracy of all Village data returns, e.g. attendance registers, reporting sheets, forms information.
- Organise and participate in events under the direction of the Head of Learning Village.

Closing Date: Monday 12th October – 12 Noon **Interview Date: Thursday 15th October**

For further information and an application form please visit www.miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk or email us at careers@miltonkeynesacademy.co.uk

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Your main duties will include:
- To undertake whole class supervision in the absence of the class teacher, setting work and homework previously prepared by the teacher.
- To mark elements of class work and homework under the guidance of the class teacher.
- To undertake observations of the pupils and contribute to student records.
- To develop curricular knowledge as required and to undertake any training activities offered by the Academy.
- Assisting in preparing the learning environment and the materials used therein.
- Management of student behaviour to ensure a constructive working environment.
- Responding to students about the work that has been set.
- Supervising entry and departure of students in accordance with Academy policy.
- Recording and reporting attendance at lessons in accordance with Academy policy.
- Assisting in exam invigilation under the supervision of the Examinations Assistant.

Closing Date: Wednesday 7th October – 12 Noon **Interview Date: Monday 12th October**

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Closing date: 4 p.m. Monday 12th October 2009

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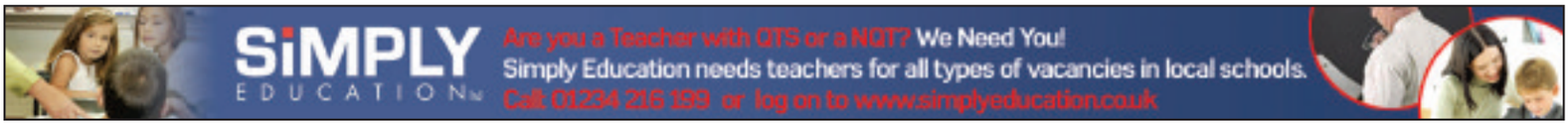

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30 hours per week

Orchard House, Wolverton

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Closing date: 16 October 2009. Interview date: 30 October 2009.

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Closing date: 16 October 2009.
Interview date: 27 and 28 October 2009.

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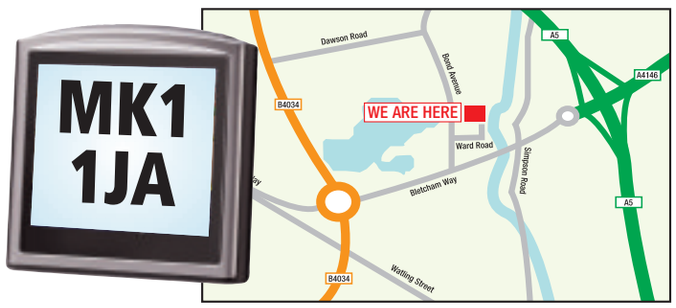

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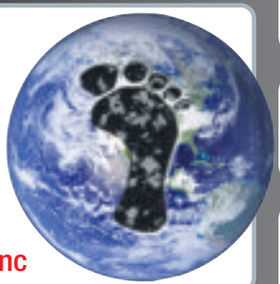

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"We have received a large number of enquiries from customers wishing to participate in the Government-backed scrappage scheme," says Stephen Thompson, Used Car Manager at Perrys: "But we want to offer our customers even more, and so we've extended the scrappage allowance to used cars, but your trade in car only has to be over six years old not ten like the governments scheme. Our used car allowance means that it is much more affordable for customers, who qualify for the scheme, to own a safer, more eco-friendly car than ever before."
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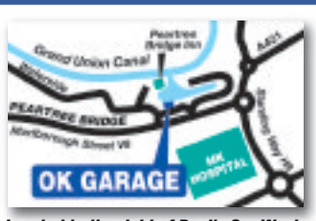

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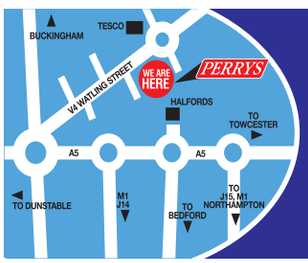

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

08 Hartlepool	(H)	0-0
11 Swindon (Carling Cup)	(H)	1-4
15 Swindon	(A)	0-0
18 Tranmere	(A)	1-0
22 Colchester	(H)	2-1
29 Exeter	(A)	2-1

September

02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT)	(H)	3-1
05 Huddersfield	(H)	2-3
14 Norwich	(H)	2-1
19 Wycombe	(A)	1-0
26 Leeds	(H)	0-1
29 Oldham	(A)	1-2

October

03 Brighton	(A)
06 Southend (JPT)	(H)
10 Walsall	(H)
17 Gillingham	(H)
24 Southampton	(A)
31 Bristol Rovers	(H)

November

14 Charlton	(A)
21 Southend	(A)
24 Carlisle	(H)

December

01 Millwall	(A)
05 Yeovil	(H)
12 Leyton Orient	(A)
19 Brentford	(H)
26 Stockport	(H)
28 Huddersfield	(A)

January

02 Colchester	(A)
09 Swindon	(H)
16 Hartlepool	(A)
23 Tranmere	(H)
30 Exeter	(H)

February

06 Stockport	(A)
13 Carlisle	(A)
20 Southend	(H)
23 Millwall	(H)
27 Yeovil	(A)

March

06 Leyton Orient	(H)
13 Brentford	(A)
20 Southampton	(H)
27 Gillingham	(A)

April

03 Charlton	(H)
05 Bristol Rovers	(A)
10 Norwich	(A)
13 Oldham	(H)
17 Wycombe	(H)
24 Leeds	(A)

May

01 Brighton	(H)
08 Walsall	(A)

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MAN IN THE MIDDLE: Andy D'Urso enraged the home crowd

NO WAY THROUGH: Aaron Wilbraham tries to make space for a shot

D'Urso 'lost control' says unhappy Ince

MK DONS 0

LEEDS UNITED 1

Snodgrass 90

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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REFEREE Andy D'Urso should not expect a warm welcome next time he visits Milton Keynes.

MK Dons boss Paul Ince was furious with official following his side's defeat to Leeds United which came courtesy of a Robert Snodgrass header in the 92 minute.

Ince felt match winner Snodgrass should not have been on the pitch following a first half incident that saw him push Dean Lewington in the back of the head.

To make matters worse D'Urso dismissed Jason Puncheon on the 45th minute leaving the Dons to play against the league leaders for the entire second half with ten men.

Puncheon, who was handed a three-match ban for violent conduct, was given his marching orders for a two-footed tackle on Michael Doyle.

And given that his side remained solid in defence and continued to create chances, it was certainly a kick in the teeth for Ince as he saw Snodgrass celebrating in injury time.

He said: "For Snodgrass to do that to our skipper and still remain on the park, for me it's a liberty, it's a disgrace.

"Lewington gets booked for nothing, I thought the referee absolutely lost control of the whole game."

The better opportunities in the first half had fallen to the Dons with Aaron Wilbraham testing Shane Higgs early in the match, but on his first start of the season the Dons striker showed a touch of rustiness.

And Jason Puncheon went agonisingly close with a stinging shot from 20-yards that was kept out by the very tips of Higgs' fingers.

But a moment later the midfielder was shown a straight red leaving the Dons with a massive task to get maximum points.

Jermaine Beckford tried to add to the Dons' misery when he latch on to a quick free-kick but dipped the shot over the bar.

Leeds found it difficult to break down a resolute ten-man Dons, and continued to frustrate their vocal support.

Mike Grella blazed a shot over in front of an open goal, and Willy Gueret was finally called into action to intercept before Andy Robinson could get on the end of Beckford's clever back heel.

Just when it looked like the Dons would earn a well deserved point Snodgrass' thumping header shattered the Cowshed's hearts.

But Ince was proud of his players' performances, he said: "We're all disappointed we're all hurting but you've got to be proud of the players.

"We've shown we're just as good as Leeds on today's performance, if not better."

MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), Doumbe, McCracken, Gleeson, Wilbraham (Ibehre 78), Johnson, Gobern (Leven 45), Puncheon, Powell, Chadwick (Howell 80).
Booked: Lewington, Gleeson, Johnson, Doumbe, Ibehre
Sent-off: Puncheon 45
LEEDS UNITED: Higgs (Ankergren 62), Crowe (Michalik 9), Kisnorbo, Doyle, Beckford, Grella, Howson (c), Johnson, Hughes (Robinson 55), Snodgrass, Bromby.
Booked: Snodgrass
Referee: Andy D'Urso (Essex)
Attendance: 16, 713 (4,119 away)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leeds United	10	4	1	0	12	3	4	1	0	6	2	13	26
2	Charlton	10	4	1	0	10	4	3	1	1	10	6	10	23
3	Bristol Rovers	10	3	1	1	6	3	4	0	1	11	6	8	22
4	Colchester	10	4	0	1	10	4	1	3	1	10	5	11	18
5	**MK Dons**	**10**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**6**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**17**
6	Huddersfield	10	3	2	0	12	3	1	1	3	7	10	6	15
7	Oldham	10	2	2	1	6	6	2	1	2	4	5	-1	15
8	Swindon	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	3	1	5	9	-2	15
9	Norwich	10	2	2	1	12	11	1	2	2	6	6	1	13
10	Brentford	10	2	2	1	6	6	1	2	2	4	6	-2	13
11	Walsall	10	1	3	1	6	6	2	1	2	4	7	-3	13
12	Hartlepool	10	1	1	3	5	7	2	2	1	6	4	0	12
13	Gillingham	9	3	1	1	11	2	0	1	3	4	10	3	11
14	Southend	10	1	3	1	5	3	1	2	2	8	9	1	11
15	Millwall	10	2	3	0	6	2	0	2	3	1	6	-1	11
16	Stockport	10	1	2	2	6	8	1	3	1	6	6	-2	11
17	Yeovil	10	2	2	1	9	6	0	2	3	3	7	-1	10
18	Carlisle	10	1	1	3	5	7	1	3	1	5	6	-3	10
19	Exeter	10	1	3	1	6	6	1	1	3	4	8	-4	10
20	Brighton	9	1	0	3	5	8	1	3	1	5	9	-7	9
21	Leyton Orient	10	1	2	2	6	7	1	1	3	6	13	-8	9
22	Tranmere	10	1	1	3	7	11	1	0	4	2	10	-12	7
23	Wycombe	10	1	1	3	3	5	0	2	3	6	11	-7	6
24	Southampton	10	1	3	1	6	5	0	3	2	4	7	-2	-1

COMING UP

BRIGHTON
League One
Saturday, October 3
stadiummk KO 3pm

DURING the summer Brighton showed bags of ambition by splashing the cash.

Russell Slade's big spending has not quite gone to plan at this early stage in the season as they are currently flirting a little to much with the drop zone.

Their home record has cost them so far with only one win and three defeats at the Withdean.

Their best results have come on the road where they have picked up six points from four games.

The Dons will be without Jason Puncheon who serves the second of his three match ban following his instant dismissal against Leeds. Adam Virgo is missing for the home side.

SOUTHEND UNITED
JPT Second Round
Tuesday, October 6
stadiummk KO 7pm

ANOTHER early kick-off at stadiummk for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Dons boss Paul Ince has already spoken of his love for the competition and is once again expected to name a strong line-up.

The Dons made it through to the second round by beating League Two side Dagenham & Redbridge 3-1. Whereas the tie is Southend's first match in the competition following a bye to the second round.

With eyes on the clash days later at home to Southampton, Southend manager Steve Tilson could rest a number of his players.

If the score is level after 90 minutes, the game will be decided on penalties. There is no extra time.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Powell makes top XI

DONS defender Darren Powell has been named in the League One team of the Week.

The 33-year-old veteran centre-back was a rock for the Dons during their late defeat to Leeds United.

Team of the Week in full: Michel Kuipers (Brighton), Craig Alcock (Yeovil), Patrick Kisnorbo (Leeds), Darren Powell (MK Dons), Kelly Youga (Charlton), Liam Bridcutt (Stockport), JP Kalala (Yeovil), Darel Russell (Norwich), Andy Monkhouse (Hartlepool), Jo Kuffour (Bristol Rovers) and Pawel Abbott (Oldham).

Deano signs on

FORMER Luton striker Dean Morgan has joined MK Dons on a non-contract basis.

The 25-year-old has spent a number of weeks on trail at stadiummk and scored during a friendly against Celtic two weeks ago.

Morgan has been offered a short term deal similar to that taken up by Michael Bridges at the start of the season.

The forward, who can also play on the winger, began his professional career with Colchester United in 200 and spent three years at the club making 71 appearance.

He then moved to the Madjeski Stadium for two years, before joining Luton in 2005. Morgan featured 101 times for the Hatters and scored 12 goals.

He made two appearances for Grays Athletic in August and scored once before being released.

Ladies suffer

MK Dons Ladies have had their lead at the top of the South East Combination table cut to one point.

The Dons were not in action at the weekend but second placed Gillingham were.

And a 5-0 win at Ebbsfleet United has moved them to within a point of the Dons.

Gillingham also have a game in hand.

The Dons are back in action on Monday when they travel to Roade Football Club to take on Northampton Town. Kick-off is at 7.45pm.

Seagulls official

THE Football League have announced the match officials for the weekend's matches.

Paul Taylor will be the referee for the Dons' away game at Brighton & Hove Albion.

The Hertfordshire based ref has officiated eight games this season.

In that time he has handed out 35 yellow cards and dismissed three players.

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Silverware challenge is thrown to the Lions

BASKETBALL

MK Lions coach Vince Macaulay has challenged his team to win silverware this season.

Two seasons ago the club lifted the BBL Cup, their first ever trophy, and Macaulay kept the team together in the hope they would repeat their success.

But when they failed to do so he shipped out the deadwood and has brought in a host of new faces to build around key players Dru Spinks, Mike New and Robert Youngblood.

The newest members of the Lions side include the player known as the 'best dunker on the planet' Guy Dupuy, Craig Pringle and Dawud Morris.

And they all impressed a crowded Bletchley Leisure Centre on Friday night when they began their campaign with a 94-81 win over Worcester Wolves.

The victory was even more pleasing for Macaulay considering he is without point guard EJ Harrison who still has not received his visa.

It meant the Lions' options were limited and they had to wait until the final quarter for their first three-pointer.

Macaulay said: "We're still playing without our point guard who I happen to think is our best player.

"The visa situation has been diabolical.

"The British Embassy will not talk to you once the visa has been put in. The only thing we could technically do is withdraw the application, lose all our money that we've paid for the visa and re-apply again through an agent."

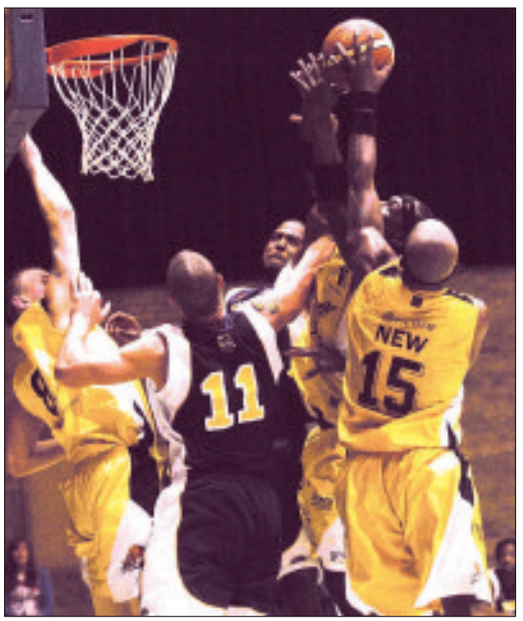
But as he awaits the arrival of Harrison, Macaulay will be happy with the way his side have already gelled.

He said: "They're exciting, a great fun team with so much potential. I was very happy with the way they applied themselves.

"We always start off by wanting to make the play-offs and we want to get into every final, so those are our achievement targets. The guys know that we want to win but in order to do that we've got to get in those positions so if we can get to a couple of finals then I think we can achieve something."

Following their comfortable win over Worcester, Lions suffered a narrow on the buzzer defeat to Chester Jets leaving them sixth after the opening weekend.

■ ON Friday Lions host Glasgow Rocks at Bletchley Leisure Centre. Tip-off 7.30pm



GO FOR IT: Robert Youngblood and Mike New jump for a Dru Spinks rebound

Vettel: 'It's not over'

MOTOR RACING

MARK Webber's chances of winning the World Championship are officially over, while Sebastian Vettel's remain slim.

Australian Webber was forced to retire from the Singapore Grand Prix, won by Lewis Hamilton, with a break problem to leave a three way chase for the title.

Brawn GP's Jenson Button remains the overwhelming favourite after finishing one place clear of team mate, and rival, Rubens Barrichello.

Yet Vettel is refusing to give up and believes Red Bull Racing just might be able to pull off a spectacular end to the season.

He said: "Regarding the Championship, I think history has shown many different examples of how it can finish over the years, with it going either way. At the next races our approach will be simple: we will try to get pole position and try to win, so it's very straightforward."

Fellow Red Bull driver may not be able to finish top of the pack, but he does still have his eyes on grabbing the Constructors Championship for the Milton Keynes-based racing outfit.

There are three races left in the season and Red Bull are 42.5 points behind leaders Brawn. Webber will be his own manager next year following Flavio Briatore's ban from F1. The Japanese Grand Prix is on Sunday at 6am.

Lightning go fourth

ICE HOCKEY

VICTORY over Romford Raiders and Manchester Phoenix has sent MK Lightning to the top of the league.

Lightning made it four wins on the bounce to go a point clear in the English Premier Ice Hockey League.

But the latest four points were tough to come by for Lightning.

They were made to work for their first win of the weekend when Romford provided a much harder test than expected.

The Romford coach broke down on its way to Milton Keynes which delayed the match, and when it finally got under way it was Lightning who started the better side.

After plenty of pressure Adam Carr finally gave the home side the lead on 16.22, assisted by player-coach Nick Poole.

Lightning then eased off in the second period which allowed the Raiders to pull level through Joe Allen on 28.13 and less than a minute later they had taken the lead.

Darren Cotton found his way through the Lightning defence with Danny Marshall and Frankie Harvey setting up their second goal.

It shocked Lightning back into action as Poole set up Lukas Zatopek for a wonderful equalising strike.

Fittingly it was man of the match Grant McPherson who won the game on 49.53.

Lightning made sure they finished their chances when they travelled to the league's new boys Manchester Phoenix on Sunday.

Goals from Carr and Ross Bowers gave MK an important 2-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Eventually Manchester hit back on 27.59 with Jaakko Hagelberg's powerplay goal.

Yet Carr made sure of the two points with his second, and Lightning's third, of the evening coming on 57.53.

It meant Manchester's Luke Boothroyd's goal 54 seconds from time went down as a consolation.

LIGHTNING host Bracknell Bees on Saturday, face-off 7pm, and on Sunday they travel to local rivals Peterborough Phantoms. Face-off 5.30pm.

RUGBY

South West East 1 East

HIGH WYCOMBE 6 OLNEY 13

AN inspired performance from James Hawken handed Olney their first win of the season.

The fly-half scored all 13 of their points as they moved up to tenth place.

He started the scoring with an early penalty which was awarded when a Wycombe played failed to roll away.

High Wycombe soon levelled the scores through their own penalty. Olney then lost an influential player when second row Sean Heatley was sent to the sin bin which allowed the home side another penalty to edge 6-3 ahead.

Olney regained the lead through another Hawken penalty straight after the break and they stretched he advantage to 13-6 when Hawken scored a great try and then converted it. Late on Wycombe had a man yellow carded.

SWANAGE & WAREHAM 18
BLETCHLEY 17

BLETCHLEY suffered a slender defeat away at Swanage & Wareham.

The one point victory was Swanage's first of the season.

Bletchley have now won two and lost two of their opening four matches.

They are now seventh in the league.

Southern Counties North

WITNEY 26
MILTON KEYNES 0

MILTON Keynes are still searching for their first win of the season.

The side have lost both of their league matches and are stuck joint bottom with four other teams.

At the weekend second-placed Witney proved far too strong for MK who were left without a point on the board.

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Local football

THERE were mixed results for the MK teams in the Saturday Intermediate Cup.

The fight to make it through to the second round went right down to the wire for MK Wanderers.

They drew 1-1 with Aylesbury Reserves, but ultimately they were knocked out 8-7 on penalties.

Old Bradwell United beat Newport Pagnell Town Reserves 3-1, while Mursley were dumped out of the cup after losing 3-0 to Chalfont Wasps.

Buckingham Town won their match at Bletchley Town 4-2, and New Bradwell St Peter beat AC Marlow 6-1.

Stony Stratford Town were thrashed 9-3 at the hands of Penn & Tylers Green.

The second round takes place on Saturday, November 7.

In the United Counties Premier League Newport Pagnell suffered their fifth defeat of the season.

The Swans lost 4-2 at reigning champions S&L Corby.

The home side were two goals up inside 13 minutes.

Rob Macdonald replied for Newport after 25 minutes but the home margin was improved three minutes before the break.

Byrne's second goal three minutes before the hour mark put the contest beyond the Swans although Darren Lynch did score an 86th minute consolation from the penalty spot.

Poulter's defence

IAN Poulter was forced to defend his decision to pull out of the Vevendi Trophy last week.

The 33-year-old opted out of Britain and Ireland's team for the competition, which is currently under way in Paris.

The Woburn professional was criticised by Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie for missing the Trophy.

Montgomery was quoted saying he felt Poulter could have made an 'effort' to be at the competition.

But Poulter explained on his Twitter page: "The schedule becomes very difficult to play every event, so important not to burn out.

"It's so easy to play to many tournaments and then your form will drop without you noticing it, mental fatigue, then physical."

World Cup cricket

A WICKEN worker is preparing for the Indoor Cricket World Cup in Australia next month.

Michiel Bester, a technical manager for Speedheat, has been named in Team England's squad.

The World Cup will be his international debut and England's indoor men's team is fired up for the opening match against Australia in Brisbane on October 11.

South African born Bester will be playing against his former home nation, together with New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India and Canada.

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Lions on lookout for silverware – see inside

Latics shade victory

OLDHAM 2
Sheehan 8, Parker 70

MK DONS 1
Brill 86 (og)

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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PAUL Ince was sent to the stands as MK Dons suffered a 2-1 defeat at Oldham Athletic last night.

Alan Sheehan's eighth minute thunderbolt put the Latics ahead, and Danny Whittaker doubled the advantage in the second-half.

A late own goal from Dean Brill counted only as a consolation in a game where the Dons were outbattled and outplayed.

Ince, unhappy at referee Tony Bates' performance in the first half when he booked three Dons players, confronted him at the interval and was promptly sent to the stands.

The Dons could have opened the scoring when Aaron Wilbraham was threaded through to goal by Luke Chadwick only to be thwarted by Brill.

Instead it was the home side who broke the deadlock through Sheehan and it was a bolt from the blue.

From 35 yards out there had been little threat to the Dons when a cross fell at the feet of the full back.

But from a central position Sheehan let fly and an outstretched Willy Gueret could do nothing.

They might have added a second on the 16 minute mark had Sean Gregan jumped inches higher onto an Sheehan free-kick that had evaded the Dons defence.

The quick break through settled any nerves the Latics may have had, while the Dons struggled to get into their rhythm with countless fouls and sloppy play.

ON THE ATTACK: Mathias Doumbe heads down the wing under the watchful eye of Paul Ince, far right

CLOSE ATTENTION: Aaron Wilbraham keeps his eye on the ball against Oldham last night, right

Gueret had to dig himself out of a hole when his terrible clearance went straight to Alex Marrow.

The midfielder couldn't believe his luck as looked up to see Gueret to then right of his goal, and an empty net. So he lobbed a hopeful effort which had the Dons keeper scrambling back to his line to parry the ball.

With Marrow off the field injured Oldham were a man down when the Dons had one of their better opportunities as a Leven dink ball carved a chance for Stephen Gleeson.

But the Republic of Ireland U21 international had too much time to think about it and inexplicably took his effort wide.

The Dons were clearly rattled by the Latics and Gueret had to turn the ball away from his near post when Ruben Hazell appeared to get the slightest of touches on a free-kick.

With Ince forced to watch from the stands it was left for Karl Robinson and Alex Rae to bark the orders from the technical area.

Oldham should have doubled their lead six minutes into the restart. Luckily Keigan Parker opted to shoot from the edge of the box, which Luke Howell was able to block, when playing to an unmarked Abbott on the right hand side would have been a better option.

Things could only get better for the Dons following a poor half that had produced very little.

And there were signs of an equaliser when Jabo Ibehre made his way past two Latics defenders but then shot straight at Brill from close range.

Gueret kept the Dons in proceedings when he made a a brave call to dive at the feet of Danny Whittacker, who had ran onto a through ball which split the Dons' defence, and smother the ball.

Dons were growing increasingly frustrated by Oldham's organised defence. When the Latics weren't chasing down every pass, they were swallowing up every ball played into their box.

And after a brief moment of promise for Ince's men, the home side went on the counterattack to grab their second.

Whittaker played a perfect cross into Parker who was hovering on the edge of the box. He turned inside the box, left McCracken flat footed and curled his strike into the net.

With 16 minutes remaining Dons brought on newly signed Dean Morgan to strengthen their attacking line-up but when Gleeson teed him up from 20-yards he shot wide.

Dons inched a little closer when Wilbraham's header whizzed across the goal mouth but no one was on hand to follow it up.

Meanwhile, Gueret was forced into a great save from Pawel Abbott to prevent the Dons fall three down.

Four minutes from time the Dons got their slice of luck when Richie Partridges cross hit the post and went in off the Oldham goalkeeper.

When a Wilbraham header went inches past the far post it signalled the end of the Dons' hopes of a draw.

MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), Doumbe, McCracken, Gleeson, Wilbraham, Leven, Ibehre, Howell (Partridge 63), Powell (Morgan 74), Chadwick (Johnson 36). **Booked**: Doumbe, Leven, Howell

OLDHAM ATHLETIC: Brill, Hazell, Whittaker, Abbott (Brooke 90), Lomax, Furman, Gregan (c), Parker (Lee 88), Taylor, Marrow, Sheehan. **Booked:** Marrow
Referee: Tony Bates (Staffordshire)
Attendance: 3,630 (180 away)

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